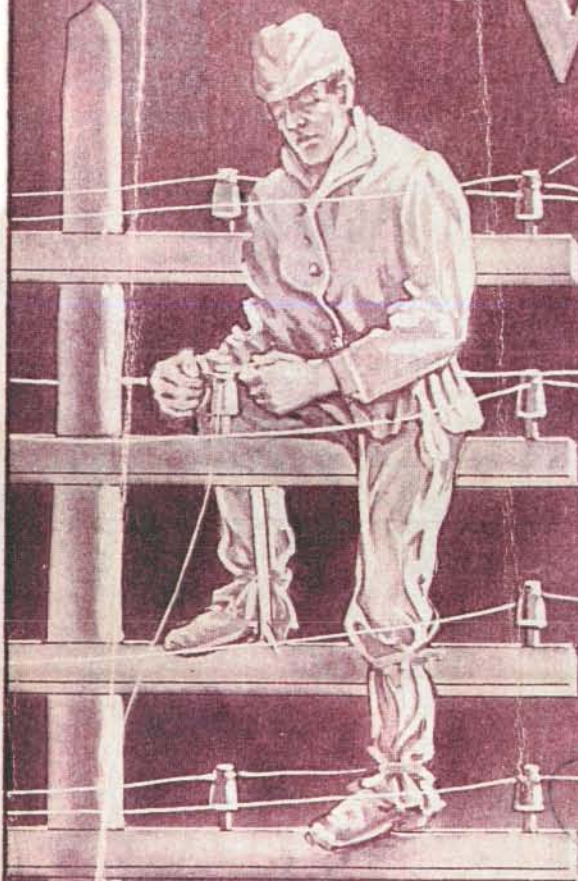


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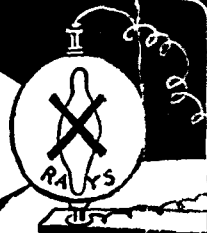


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Electricity in Man's Service.

In the North American Review for November A. W. Brady has an interesting article on "Electricity in the Service of Man," which is worthy of reproduction in full, but our space forbids, and we therefore give their salient points:

The waterfalls have been at work for untold ages. Within a generation man has harnessed their force, converted their energy into electricity, and compelled nature to do the work of the world. In thirty years electrical science has advanced from the field of discovery and invention to practical application to the arts and industries, developing a tiny laboratory spark into a powerful agent which moves the wheels of industry and commerce. The telegraph and the arc light were known before; but the telephone, the electric railway, the incandescent lamp and the electric motor have been used only within a generation.

Electric cranes and hoists would build the pyramids to-day with ease and dispatch. The thousands of unskilled workmen who actually wore out their lives in that monumental labor of dead ages paid the penalty of ignorance. Economy and concentration of effort are the lessons of the twentieth century.

The automobile truck, wheeling tons of dead weight from place to place under the guidance of a driver whose only labor is to pull a lever, is an example in everyday life of an electric machine doing safely and economically work which was but recently the wearisome task of man and beast. Merchandise will soon be collected by electrically-operated express wagons, transferred to electrically-propelled freight cars, and whirled from New York to Chi-

cago at a speed of ninety miles an hour, over trunk lines whose problems of electrical equipment and maintenance will have solved themselves.

A man who, twenty-five years ago, predicted that everyday business would be carried on to-day between New York and Chicago by direct vocal communication over a telephone would have been scoffed at. It is difficult to think of any new demonstration of the practical use of electricity which will compare with that. But no man can deny the possible achievement of a greater marvel. All the while electricity is coming closer home to the masses of the people, lifting their burdens, shortening and smoothing their journeys, lighting their streets and roads and making their working tasks less difficult.

Of the two quarrymen who pierced a ledge of rocks ten years ago, one holding the drill and the other plying the sledgehammer, one only is needed to operate an electric drill, while doing ten times the work. The laborer's task is lightened; his partner has found an equally improved opportunity; they both get more wages, and their employer gets more rock. A few years ago the drawbridge at Hamilton avenue over the Gowanus canal, in Brooklyn, N. Y., was operated by from three to five men working on a capstan, requiring from four to five minutes to complete the operation. An electric motor has been substituted, which closes the bridge in fifty seconds, and the services of but one man are needed.

Traction and lighting are the two applications of everyday life which are most in the public eye. Twenty years ago there were no electric cars in the United States.

The application of electricity to trunk-



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line traction is believed by many experts to be a development of the near future. The superior utility and flexibility of electric cars for traffic within, without and between cities, under certain conditions, is not denied. Problems of cost and convenience which increase in importance with the length of the lines operated, are by no means insolvable. Because we do not see our way now to the economical substitution of electrical for steam locomotives on a four-track trunk line between two centers of American population, it does not follow that the change will not be made eventually. The long, luxurious and sub-trolley car, handsomely fitted and brilliantly lighted, which carried its passengers over a well-ballasted track at the rate of twenty miles an hour in many American cities, is a far greater advance over the musty little horse-car which was in use prior to 1884 than the electric train of parlor cars will be over the steam equipment, the passengers in the former making the run from New York to Chicago between daylight and dark.

The same reasons which would supersede steam by electricity on railways would render the superseded locomotives comparatively useless elsewhere. A syndicate in Berlin is experimenting in speed and long-distance traffic, to determine possibilities and limitations by actual test.

Electricity confers one of the greatest benefits on man by furnishing him the most useful light known. Under ground and under water, at midnight and at mid-day, in the street, in the workshop and in the house, this light is made available by various ingenious devices. In towns of only a few thousand inhabitants, as well as in large cities, the streets are illuminated by arc lights. The glare and flicker of the early arc lamps were considered a necessary accompaniment of all electric lighting, a defect which later improvements have eliminated. The improved incandescent light has recently been pronounced by experts at the University of Heidelberg as the most sanitary of all methods of artificial illumination. The incandescent lamp has, indeed, been perfected until its light may now be modulated comparably with that of an oil lamp or gas jet. The lighting effects, which were conceded

to be one of the most striking features of the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo were produced by small units of light—eight-candle-power incandescent lamps—instead of the usual method of arc lamps of high candle power.

The growth of electrical industries interested President McKinley. In his last speech, delivered in Buffalo on the day of the tragedy, he spoke of the necessity of the construction of a Pacific cable. Electricity was called promptly in to minister to the comfort of his sick bed. When the physicians in attendance thought the temperature of the sick room should be reduced, an electrical fan installation was effectively cooling the air within a few hours. On the same day a long-distance telephone message from the Milburn residence in Buffalo to the Edison laboratory started on its way from Orange, N. J., under the great electrician's own supervision, the best obtainable Roentgen ray apparatus, which was received in Buffalo the next morning.

The public mind already is so accustomed to the successful performance of almost prodigious tasks by electrical appliances that no special attention is aroused by the construction to-day of electrical plants which would have amazed the world a few years ago.

In telegraphy, the Western Union and Postal systems may be estimated at \$150,000,000, employing 100,000 people. Every railroad system has its telegraph lines. The ocean cables, in which there is a good deal of American money invested, approximate 200,000 miles. There are 800 cities with fire telegraphs. It is within bounds to say that a total of \$250,000,000 is invested in telegraphy.

From the time of Bell and Gray in 1877, the telephone business has grown to \$400,000,000. The Bell system alone is declared to represent \$200,000,000, with 2,500 exchanges and offices, and 1,700,000,000 connections a year. Its exchanges have over 26,000 employees.

In electric lighting, the capitalization of central station companies, isolated, municipal and ship-lighting plants, reaches \$1,200,000,000. There are nearly 3,000 companies, with obligations of about \$750,000,000, of which half is bonded. There

are not many less than 30,000,000 incandescent lamps connected, while more than 600,000 arc lamps are doing duty. Central station earnings have been estimated at over \$50,000,000. Electric lighting employs about 150,000 people.

Electrical street railways represent a capitalization of nearly \$2,000,000 000. In 1897 they were earning \$150,000,000 gross, and 220 of them showed in 1898 \$130,000,000 gross earnings, at which rate the earnings of electrical street railways of the United States were \$180,000,000 in 1900, say 4 per cent. on the entire investment. Their employees number 150,000.

It is estimated that over \$100,000,000 are invested in electrical mine plants, \$150,000,000 in power plants, and about \$50,000,000 in electro-plating establishments.

The grand total of \$4,000,000,000 invested in electrical industries in the United States has been materially increased in the year 1901.

In Memoriam.

Resolutions adopted at special meeting of Linemen's Union No. 91, of Easton, Pa., December 29, 1901:

Whereas, It has pleased God, in his infinite wisdom, through his earthly messenger, Death, to visit us and remove from our midst our esteemed brother, Edwin Freyhardt; and

Whereas, In life he was possessed of a character beyond reproach, worthy of confidence and justice, and always dutiful and brave, be it

Resolved, That we drape our charter for a period of thirty days as a token of respect for our brother, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minute book, a copy furnished his wife, and also a copy be sent our official journal for publication.

Fraternally,

GEO. VAN BILLIARD.

Resolutions adopted by Local Union No. 14, of Pittsburg, Pa., on the death of Bro. Peter P. Sullivan:

Whereas, In accordance with the will of God, our Heavenly Father, it has been our misfortune to have taken from among us one Peter P. Sullivan, a brother loved and honored by us all; and

Whereas, In life he was worthy of the highest confidence and esteem, being of an amiable disposition, ever ready to lend a helping hand to the needy and always having a cheerful word for those in distress; and

Whereas, In the loss of our brother we lose one who will forever be missed from our ranks; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Electrical Workers of No. 14, an organized body in brotherly love, who were nearest and dearest to him in life, as a token of respect to his memory drape our charter in mourning for a period of thirty days, that these resolutions be spread upon our minute book, a copy be sent to his bereaved wife and family, and a copy published in the official journal of our brotherhood.

D. P. WARMAN,
ARTHUR BECK,
H. H. HICKS,
Committee.

The following resolutions were drawn in the memory of our deceased brother, Geo. Phelan, of Local 102, Jaterson, N. J., Dec. 4, 1901:

With sorrow-laden pen Local 102 is called upon to record the death of our beloved brother, Geo. Phelan, who was one of our capable and congenial workers. Several reverses had overtaken him in the past year, but his sad and untimely death was a surprise to all.

Whereas, It has pleased God to take from our midst this noble and worthy brother, therefore be it

Resolved, That we tender our sympathy to his bereaved widow and brothers and sisters; and be it further

Resolved, That our charter be draped for a period of thirty days, and a copy of these resolutions be spread in full upon our minutes, and also be published in our Worker, and a copy be sent to his bereaved relatives.

J. ZIMMERMAN,
C. W. HALL,
WM. McDONALD,
Committee.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 14, 1901.

Resolutions adopted by Local 112:

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to our esteemed brother, W. McGrath, upon the loss of his esteemed

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father. No words can explain our deep sympathy nor heal his aching heart.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the local, a copy of the same be sent to the bereaved family and also a copy be sent to the official journal of the I. B. E. W.

Yours respectfully,

GEO. W. EVANS,
THOMAS PEAKE.

The following resolutions were read and adopted January 2, 1902, by Local 49, of Chicago, Ill.:

Whereas, It has pleased God, in His infinite wisdom, through His earthly messenger, death, to visit us and remove from our midst the loving helpmate of our worthy Bro. F. H. Pierce, be it

Resolved, That the Trimmers of No. 49 extend their heartfelt sympathy to our brother in this hour of his sad bereavement and irrecoverable loss; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on our minutes, a copy be sent to our official journal for publication and a copy be sent to our brother.

W. M. HICKEY,
JAS. BYRNES,
ROBT. E. FOLK,
Committee.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1902.

Resolutions adopted at a regular meeting of Local 220, I. B. E. W.:

Whereas, It has pleased God, in his infinite wisdom, to visit the home of our esteemed Bro. A. McIntosh, and take unto his bosom the daughter of our brother, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, as a union, in brotherly love extend our heartfelt sympathy to our brother and his family in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on our minutes, a copy be forwarded to our bereaved brother and also be published in the official journal of the I. B. E. W.

JOHN KERN,
E. A. THOMPSON,
E. B. IMMEL,
Committee.

Resolutions adopted by Local 58, Niagara Falls, N. Y.:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, to take from our midst, our beloved Bro. Richard Thompson, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, as a union in brotherly love, extend our heartfelt sympathy to his relatives in their late bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That our charter be draped for a period of 30 days, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on our minutes, and a copy furnished his relatives and the press.

R. A. RAWSON,
M. J. KELLY,
THOMAS NESS,
Com.

Resolutions adopted by Local 130, New Orleans, La.:

Whereas, God, in his divine mercy has been pleased to call from our midst our esteemed friend and brother, J. Gus Heinrichs, and

Whereas, Sorrow has thrown her desolate mantle over his home and friends, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we tender his grief-stricken wife and family our sincere condolence and our brotherly sympathies in the loss of a loving husband, kind father and faithful brother; and be it further

Resolved, That we, as associates with him in our organization and realizing that words of condolence never yet brought peace to any one, consign his dear ones into the hands of this kind and loving Father in heaven, trusting that he may pour forth upon their grieved hearts his tender and soothing love; and be it further

Resolved, That our charter be draped for a period of thirty days as a token of respect to our deceased brother and a copy be published in our official journal.

THOS. G. ZIEGLER,
CHAS. WATZKE,
W. F. RAGAN,
Committee.

The following resolutions were adopted by L. U. 16 of Evansville, Ind., on the death of Bro. John Boyd:

Whereas, God, in His infinite wisdom, hath seen fit to remove by death from our midst our Bro. John Boyd, on Nov. 7th, at Sacramento, Cal., and

Whereas, In life he possessed a character beyond reproach, worthy of confidence and justice, always dutiful and brave, be it

Resolved, That in him we have lost a faithful member, a conscientious worker for the cause of the I. B. E. W., as well as a personal friend, be it further

Resolved, That we drape our charter for a period of thirty days as a token of respect, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on our minute book and a copy sent to the journal of the I. B. E. W. for publication.

HARRY FISHER,
H. B. HARPER,
W. SCHLANGE,
Committee.

Resolutions adopted by L. U. No. 92, I. B. E. W.:

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to our esteemed brother, Louis Bergstrom, upon the loss of his beloved child. No words can express our sympathy or heal his family's aching hearts, be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the local, a copy of the same be sent to the bereaved family and also a copy be sent to the official journal of the I. B. E. W.

Fraternally yours,
J. E. CAPLE,
G. B. WEBSTER,
T. F. GRAY,
Committee.

Resolutions adopted at a regular meeting of Local Union 176, of Joliet, Ill., Jan. 1, 1902:

Whereas, It has pleased God, in His divine wisdom, through his earthly messenger, Death, to remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. Mike Carroll, and

Whereas, In life he was always an upright, honest and devoted brother and it is with sorrowful hearts we bow to the will of our heavenly father feeling keenly our irreparable loss, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, as a union in brotherly love, extend our heartfelt sympathy to his relatives in their bereavement, and be it further,

Resolved, That our charter be draped for a period of thirty days, a copy of these

resolutions be spread on our minutes, a copy be forwarded to relatives of our deceased brother and also published in our official journal.

I. J. HUSTON,
J. M. SLAYBAUGH,
ROBERT QUINLAN,
Committee.

Cards of Thanks.

To the Officers and Members of Linemen's Union, No. 14:

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 21, 1901.

I wish to thank you for your kindness and sympathy, as extended to me by the union during the illness and death of my husband. If it were not for the valuable assistance rendered by you I do not know what I would have done, as I was not prepared for expenses of the funeral, and assure you that I derived much comfort and encouragement from this sympathy shown by your officers and members, and particularly by those who so kindly accompanied us to Houtzdale.

I am unable to find words to express my gratitude to the union and its members. May it ever continue to be a source of beneficence to its members while living, and a fountain of comfort and assistance to the widows and orphans when dead, is the humble prayer of one who has partaken of its blessings.

Gratefully yours,
MRS. PETER P. SULLIVAN.

Orange, N. J., Dec. 31, 1901.

Mr. W. Sherman:

Dear Sir—I desire to express my thanks for the aid given and kindness shown me by the members of the union at my husband's death, and also for the \$100 given me. That you may never suffer the loss that I have, and that you may meet your brother, my dear husband, in a better world, where there is no sorrow, is the prayer of a much-bereaved wife.

MRS. H. G. GEIGER.

From Old Crip.

Denton, Tex., Jan. 4, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I have just received the December Worker and it is most gratifying to note the interest all brothers seem to be manifesting in our cause. There are several

letters in the December Worker that contain some good ideas and I hope every member reads them.

I received a "Big Ten-Dollar Bill" as an Xmas gift from old Local 17. This local, brothers, has sent me a similar gift every Xmas for the past four years, and I wish that I could find words adequate with which to express my gratitude. God bless you, boys, is my most sincere wish. I also received \$4.25 from the brothers of Local 76 for books. Bro. Sitton, I shall not soon forget you.

Now, brothers, I do sincerely hope we can raise the funds with which to buy those artificial limbs for Bro. Harvey Burnett, and if I had the money I would buy them for him, but I enclose one dollar and hope most sincerely that enough will be raised to buy them in time for his next birthday. Bro. Burnett, you have my sympathy and I hope you may yet be able to enjoy life. I haven't moved a muscle below my shoulders for nearly 74 months, but I am just as hopeful as ever, and so, Harvey, old boy, just keep cheerful and you will yet be rewarded. With best wishes to all members, I am,

Gratefully and fraternally,

ROBERT G. WRIGHT.

What of the New Year?

Naturally Labor asks, what of the new year? But it is difficult to prophecy with any degree of accuracy. The most important industrial events of the past year were those which came unexpectedly. All hope for prosperity and all the peace that can be had. Labor is not looking for trouble.

Two or three things which have happened near the close of the year may throw some light on the future. The inauguration of the Industrial Department of the Civic Federation in New York with its committee of 36 was a remarkable event. It is composed of twelve employers, twelve representatives of organized labor, and twelve supposed to represent the impartial public. Whatever the outcome of this attempt to do away with strikes and lock-outs and substitute conciliation, there is no mistaking the hold which the idea has taken upon the popular fancy. The average citizen who has only a hazy notion of economics is apt to see in this a solution

of all industrial problems. The practical labor man is apt to doubt first the good intentions of those who stand for the employers' side, and then to sniff at those alleged to be impartial. From it all he perhaps draws the conclusion that the whole thing is useless. While the committee of thirty-six may never do much as an actual board of conciliation, yet we should not forget that its very creation marks a step in advance, and its moral effect upon employers is very great.

The trusts may be with us to stay, but realize that in order to be tolerated they must assume a conciliatory attitude. The labor men of this committee may be trusted to look out for industrial interests as far as lies in their power. Twenty years ago it would have been impossible to bring together on a committee a labor leader, a capitalist and an influential church dignitary. It will be interesting to watch what comes of this industrial department in the coming year.

The Chinese Exclusion act takes on the character of a measure for the safety of the general public. But were it not for the vigilance of the A. F. of L. legislative committee much of the sentiment would fail to crystallize. There is no doubt whatever but that this congress will pass some sort of an exclusion act. The only question is, "How stringent shall it be?" When congress took its holiday recess there were already nearly a score of exclusion bills before it. During that recess a special committee was appointed to look them all over and report upon the most meritorious. This because the Pacific Coast is to have the honor of procuring the legislation. It may be said now that the bill which passes will be credited either to Senator Perkins or Representative Kann of the Pacific Coast.

The Immigration Department at Washington has prepared a bill which seems satisfactory except that it omits all reference to the Chinese in the Philippines or Hawaii. When the various bills have been boiled down into one or two workable measures the labor people will have an opportunity to make a choice. The A. F. of L. regards it as most important that the door of Hawaii and the Philippines should not be left open as a mode of entrance for

Chinese there, or who may come in future. The very fact that the status of our new possessions is very doubtful makes it necessary that there should be no mistake in this matter. No one can tell in how far the constitution is to cover the domain over which our flag floats.

As soon as congress gets down to work again and a satisfactory Chinese measure is decided upon, the A. F. of L. will issue a circular to all its organizations asking the members to see to it that their congressmen and senators receive due notice and all possible pressure to vote for the Chinese exclusion bill which will most effectually exclude. There is no work so effective as that which comes from the constituents upon whom a man depends for his re-election.

Other labor measures, like the eight-hour bill, injunction measure and convict labor bill will have to begin at the beginning with this congress, and it must be said that there is no very encouraging prospect for their passage. Still they are bound to come some day, and the work done now is not lost. It all helps to create the public opinion which will finally insist upon them.

The recent A. F. of L. convention held at Scranton, Pa., was perhaps the least spectacular in the history of the organization. This by no means reflects upon its usefulness. The fact is that the A. F. of L. Convention is becoming a deliberative body and not a mass meeting. The Socialists brought forward not even a new theory of rainbow tint. Their 20 and odd resolutions were of the familiar variety which did not even need explanation.

A rather remarkable feature of the work was that the executive council met directly after the convention and acted upon every resolution referred to it. The work could not be final, but was promptly put in train for the coming year.

EVA McD. VALESH.

Report of Delegate A. F. of L.

As it is impossible for me to render a complete report of our labors at Scranton owing to the fact that the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. has had but one meeting and that one was held immediately after the close of the convention and then

only matters of a very pressing nature was considered. I shall only state at this time and as briefly as possible the most important facts.

On the third day I introduced the following resolution:

Whereas, The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was chartered by the American Federation of Labor November 28, 1891, the jurisdiction of the organization being established.

First, by name, Electrical Workers, "Mechanics engaged in the construction and installation of all devices by which the energy or force known as electricity is generated, transmitted or utilized."

Second, the objects as set forth in our first Constitution are, namely: "To rescue our trade from the low level to which it has fallen, and by mutual effort to place ourselves on a foundation sufficiently strong to prevent further encroachment; to assist each other in sickness or distress; to secure employment; to reduce the daily hours of labor; to secure adequate pay for our work, and by legal and proper means to elevate the moral, intellectual and social condition of all members."

Since that time the organization has spent thousands of dollars in organizing the craft and bettering the condition of the workers, by shortening the hours of labor and advancing the wages, and is now recognized as the only bona fide organization of electrical workers in the labor movement, because of our affiliation with the American Federation of Labor, an affiliation we will ever cherish and protect; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the charter granted to the Electrical Workers be, and hereby is, reaffirmed by this Convention as an International Union.

It was referred to the Committee on Organization, and on being reported by them to the convention was again referred, this time to the incoming Executive Council. Just prior to adjournment, I asked Mr. Gompers to arrange an audience with the council for me and he very kindly did so, for the following morning, Sunday. At this meeting myself and Bro. Spencer were given an opportunity to explain our position and the reason we were seeking a reaffirmation of the original charter grant for our organization. We were received cordially and listened to attentively by Mr. Gompers and the entire council, and on retiring were given assurance that the trade union inheritance of the International Bro. of Elec. Workers would be safely guarded by the A. F. of L. and that the

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right of the electrical workers to install electrical work would still remain untrammelled.

It may seem we did not accomplish very much, but those who are familiar with the conditions we were forced to meet will readily admit that we did well. It is with pardonable pride I call attention to this fact for the best reward is found in the consciousness of duly performed.

Bro. Spencer and I were given valuable assistance by committees from Nos. 1, 3, 5, 98 and 134. Each of the boys worked faithfully and each in turn covered himself with glory.

The Executive Council meets in this city soon, at which time I shall get an official expression from them, and then make a detailed report which I am sure will be hailed with satisfaction by our members in every city, town and hamlet.

Yours fraternally,
J. H. MALONEY,

Del. to 21st convention A. F. of L.

Neighborhood News.

Waverly, N. Y., Dec. 16, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As the press secretary of No. 139, Elmira, our nearest local, seems to be backward about coming forward, it devolves on me to say what's doing in this locality, and as this is a first attempt you must be lenient with yours fraternally.

The main proposition in our vicinity is the building up of some of the near-by towns for the Valley Telephone Co., an independent company with district headquarters in Elmira. Mr. E. L. Chapman is the superintendent, and Bro. Sam. Harris his gentlemanly assistant. Bro. Harris looks after the work in Waverly, Sayre, Athens and Watkins, besides toll gangs between these places, but still preserves a plumpness of form that excites admiration in all. It is hardly needful to state that a green ticket or a blue one looks good to him.

Among the men I have here are Big Mike Leary, Pete Donovan, Geo. Sweet, Adam Killenstine, Jud Vorshi, Bro. Hackett and P. Price. Mike and Jack Powers are on toll lines nearby, with Bob Pierce, president of No. 92, Bro. Collins, J. R. Burns and others, so you see Waverly is

pretty well filled with fixers. Lon Denton is here and gets served first at meal times. We wonder why; Lon only smiles.

Most of the boys are what are usually called home guards, but they are greatly different from the majority of home guards, in that they are the best kind of people to bump up against and are all to the good in every way. The members of No. 139 are all right.

We see that Rube is still in Swantown, Pa., and as gay and chipper as ever. By gosh, Rube, you are writing mighty peart letters. Here's looking at you with a cheese sandwich in one hand and a beer nail in the other, consarn you.

Hello, Conn., Anny Rammel and Tommie Dooley, how about the organization of Sharon? Price still has the rules and regulations. How about the Eagles, do they still fly high? Hello, you fixers in Sharon, MacDonald, Johnson, Tarry, Stan, and the rest of you.

Price wants to send regards to George Rives, Charles Shay, Johnny Lennon and the rest of the Lima bunch.

Pretty long letter, Mr. Editor, so I had better plug in or out, anything to ding the circuit.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. MACFARLAND.

NOT THE ONLY ONE.

The unions are all right but they do not stick. This is the remark made so many times by some people who think that a labor union is the only organization that breaks its ranks. Let us ask one question. Do you belong to an organization, secret, fraternal or otherwise, and do all their members stick? I think not. We have never yet seen any great body of men whose minds were all the same. Even some of our best church-going people will not "stick" together as they should. One thing must be considered, that a labor organization is constituted of all kinds of people; they do not draw the line on creed, color or nationality; therefore, it is much more of a task to combine such a body of men together and have them all to think and reason the same way. The one who is always howling that the unions do not stick is the very person in many cases that does not "stick."—Ex.



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 the work and recommend or order the material
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 appreciated.

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SPINNING PRINT, ROCHESTER.

ANY ONE knowing the whereabouts of
 Patrick Carter will kindly inform Bro. S.
 A. Foss, general delivery, Parkersburg,
 W. Va.

NOTICE.

Inside wiremen are requested to keep
 away from Buffalo, N. Y., Newark, N. J.,
 New Orleans, La., and Indianapolis, Ind.,
 as there are strikes on in those cities.

THE amendments to the constitution
 have all passed and the new constitution is
 now ready. There is a price-list of sup-
 plies in it. Those wishing supplies will
 please send in the money when ordering.

THE BURNETT FUND.

In the last issue of the Worker we asked
 the brothers to contribute a small mite to
 help buy a pair of artificial legs. Up to
 going to press we have received the fol-
 lowing amounts:

R. G. Wright ("Old Crip")	\$1.00
J. L. Conger, Local 34	.25
H. W. Sherman, G. S.	1.00
Spinning, "Printer"	1.00

NOTICE.

After Feb. 1st the headquarters of the
 Brotherhood will be Nos. 103 and 105 Cor-
 coran Building, Washington, D. C. The
 removal to that city will cause some delay
 in answering mail. We, therefore, ask that
 the members have patience until we get
 straightened out in our new home. Much
 confusion and delays can be avoided if
 those who correspond with us will pay at-
 tention to this notice and direct all mail to
 the above address.

OWING to the abundance of matter which
 has been furnished this month the Editor
 has been compelled to cut some of the let-
 ters very materially and to leave out others
 entirely. In doing so preference has been
 given to the press secretaries. Though
 our date for closing is the 10th of the
 month, letters continue to pour in on us
 on the 11th, 12th and even later. Brothers,
 remember this gives us no chance to prop-
 erly prepare the matter for the issue. See
 that your letters in future reach this office
 not later than the 10th.

OUR MAILING LIST.

We most respectfully ask the secretaries
 to send us a new list of members and ad-
 dresses, as we desire to have every member
 receive his paper with as little delay as
 possible. Will assure the receipt of the
 paper where the secretaries receive them
 in bulk. If there is a change in the sec-
 retary, or the address, kindly let us know.
 The papers are sent to every local in good
 standing. If you do not receive them
 there is something wrong, either a change
 of address or secretary. Kindly keep us
 posted on all changes.

THE press secretary of No. 6 calls the at-
 tention of the brothers to the fact that
 No. 6 has never received any strike benefit.

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from the general office. This is true. In making out the report for the convention a mistake was made, charging it up to No. 6. It should have been 61. On Dec. 1, 1900, Bro. R. P. Gale, who had charge of the strike, drew \$200; Dec. 6, R. P. Gale, \$100, making \$300. The other \$200 was paid the F. S. of Local 61, Bro. C. E. Smith. We cheerfully make this correction to show that No. 6 has never been helped from the general fund.

THE STAMP SYSTEM.

We have been asked repeatedly during the last month when the stamp system would go in effect; and take this means of replying to all at one time. It will probably be March 1st. We cannot adopt it sooner. After investigating several systems, we find the one used by us the very best. To change the present system would be taking a step backwards. Every member of the brotherhood is kept track of on our books and on the F. S.'s Report blanks. So the system is of the best and is used by many of our large organizations. After March 1st, if an F. S. sends in \$50 for per capita tax for the month of February, we will send him \$50 worth of stamps. If he sends in \$20, initiation fee, we will send him initiation stamps for that amount. This is practically a receipt to every member for his money when he gets his stamps and still gives us a chance to keep track of every member.

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS.

Several labor papers have said that P. J. McGuire's difficulty is an affair of the carpenters' union and outsiders should take no side in the matter. Pete McGuire is the father of Labor Day and one of the founders of the American Federation of Labor. He belongs to all organized labor. His friends were wise when they went outside the carpenters' union and stirred this matter up. Had it not been for his friends outside the union who, at least, believe in fair play, the bunch at the head of the carpenters' union (like the Omaha carpenters) would have "jobbed" the old man and sent him to his grave dishonored without the formality of a trial. Pete McGuire can thank the labor and daily press for his escape from such a fate. The outsiders made it possible for McGuire to get a trial before sentence is passed.—Western Labor.

We agree with the above. A man who

has done as much for the labor movement as P. J. McGuire has certainly made many friends, both in the Inter. Bro. of Carpenters and out of it, who wish him to have what the laws of our land concede every citizen, a fair and impartial trial, nothing more nothing less. If he is guilty of misappropriation of funds, he should be shown no mercy, but he is innocent until proven guilty. We are very sorry to hear that one local wanted him "jobbed" out of office and sent broadcast with the brand of thief without a trial. Shame on such unionism, to reward one with the brand of Cain for twenty odd years of faithful service; with "git out old man, you done bin a good old wagon but you done broke down. We want another in your place. You have done lots for the movement; you fought for and finally got for us the workingmen's holiday, Labor Day, but someone said you stole some money,—git!"

Is this the brotherly love we are constantly trying to infuse into our organizations? We should say not! Pete McGuire needs no one to expound his cause; he is still capable of holding his own if given a chance. This he should have. If guilty he should take his medicine; he knew he was doing wrong and deserves no sympathy, but if innocent he should be exonerated and given the hand of fellowship. All McGuire's friends ask is a fair and impartial trial.

OUR OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

The February issue of the Electrical Worker will be printed in Washington, and the editor of same respectfully asks the co-operation of the press secretaries in making this and all other issues a credit to our brotherhood. This can be done if all will do their share. One defect in our journal has been the personal letters. We have blue-penciled many and positively refused to publish others. We want letters of general interest to the brotherhood, not full of kicks against certain imaginary wrongs. Let the brotherhood know the state of trade in your locality and what are the chances for jobs. News of this kind will be more acceptable than some local matter such as John Doe was married last week, or Bill Brown's wife presented him a 10-pound boy. There is nothing start-

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ling in either of these events, only something of every day occurrence, and very pleasing to all concerned, but of little or no interest to the rank and file. Give us news in the electrical business in your city. This will be of great interest. The editor has lots to learn about journalistic work, and must have the co-operation of the members of the I. B. E. W. to make our paper more successful. We find our removal to Washington gives us a better chance to publish our paper, as we save a thousand dollars yearly in the printing. The facilities are much better in Washington as there are several other labor magazines printed there, while in Rochester ours is the only Brotherhood paper published and there are but two offices which could handle it, and their facilities are poor in comparison with the offices at Washington. The large saving on printing will enable us to allow something for good articles on electrical subjects and make the journal a paying venture, but we must have your support. Send us your articles, plainly written, on one side of the paper only. In short, help us make the Electrical Worker what it should be—a paper to be proud of.

REFERENDUM.

The vote for convention city was a very close one. Salt Lake City wins by two votes. Out of 216 locals we succeeded in getting 110 locals to vote. As the result will show, the vote on moving the office is very one sided.

The following is the vote on moving headquarters of the I. B. E. W. to Washington, D. C.:

1 In favor	61 In favor	140 Opposed
2 In favor	63 In favor	143 In favor
3 In favor	68 In favor	144 In favor
4 In favor	70 In favor	145 Opposed
5 Opposed	71 In favor	146 Opposed
6 In favor	75 In favor	147 In favor
9 Opposed	76 In favor	148 In favor
10 Opposed	77 Opposed	149 In favor
11 Opposed	79 Opposed	150 Opposed
14 In favor	80 In favor	151 In favor
16 In favor	84 In favor	155 In favor
17 In favor	86 Opposed	156 In favor
20 Opposed	92 In favor	157 Opposed
21 In favor	94 In favor	160 In favor
22 In favor	96 In favor	163 In favor

23 In favor	98 In favor	165 In favor
24 Opposed	99 In favor	166 In favor
25 Opposed	102 In favor	170 Opposed
26 In favor	103 In favor	174 Opposed
27 In favor	105 Opposed	178 Opposed
31 In favor	108 In favor	180 Tie
35 In favor	109 In favor	182 Opposed
39 In favor	113 Opposed	184 In favor
40 In favor	114 Opposed	185 In favor
41 In favor	15 In favor	186 Opposed
42 Opposed	116 In favor	188 In favor
44 Opposed	118 Opposed	192 In favor
45 Opposed	120 Opposed	193 Opposed
49 Opposed	121 In favor	197 Opposed
50 Opposed	122 In favor	204 Opposed
51 In favor	128 In favor	205 Opposed
52 In favor	133 Opposed	206 In favor
55 Opposed	134 In favor	210 Opposed
56 Opposed	135 Opposed	212 In favor
57 In favor	136 In favor	
58 In favor	138 Opposed	
No. of locals in favor		65
No. of locals opposed		40

The following is the vote for next convention city:

1 Indianapolis	61 S. L. C.	140 Ind.
2 Salt Lake City	63 Ind.	143 "
3 Ind.	65 S. L. C.	144 S. L. C.
4 "	68 "	145 Ind.
5 S. L. C.	70 "	146 "
6 Ind.	71 "	147 "
8 S. L. C.	75 "	148 "
9 "	76 "	149 S. L. C.
10 Ind.	77 Ind.	150 Ind.
11 S. L. C.	79 "	151 S. L. C.
14 Ind.	80 "	155 Ind.
16 "	84 "	156 S. L. C.
17 "	86 "	157 Ind.
20 S. L. C.	92 "	160 S. L. C.
21 "	94 S. L. C.	163 Ind.
22 "	96 Ind.	165 S. L. C.
23 Ind.	98 "	166 Ind.
24 S. L. C.	99 S. L. C.	170 S. L. C.
25 Ind.	102 Ind.	172 Ind.
26 S. L. C.	103 "	174 "
27 Ind.	105 S. L. C.	178 "
31 "	108 Ind.	180 S. L. C.
35 "	109 "	182 "
39 S. L. C.	113 S. L. C.	184 "
40 "	114 "	185 Ind.
41 "	115 "	186 "
42 Ind.	116 "	188 S. L. C.
44 S. L. C.	118 Ind.	192 Ind.
45 Ind.	120 S. L. C.	193 S. L. C.

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49 S. L. C.	121 S. L. C.	197 S. L. C.	50	9.40	2.00	2.00		13 40
50 "	122 "	204 Ind.	52	21.80	40.00	2.00		63.80
51 Ind.	128 "	205 S. L. C.	54	32.20	8.00	5.50	1.00	46.70
52 S. L. C.	133 "	206 Ind.	55	24.80	14.00			38.80
55 "	134 "	209 "	56	20.80		25		21.05
56 "	135 "	210 S. L. C.	58	7.80				7 80
57 "	136 Ind.	212 Ind.	59		17.00			17.00
58 Ind.	138 "		60	12.40		50	2.50	15.40
Total number of votes cast, 110.			61	12.60	2.00	5.75		20.35
In favor of Salt Lake City, 56.			62	15.00	4.00	1.00		20 00
In favor of Indianapolis, 54.			63	1.60				1.60
			64	2.40				2.40
			65	32.60		3.20		35 80
			66	13 40				13.40
			67	5.00				5.00
			69	7.20				7.20
			70	22.00	6.00	75		28.75
			71	2.20				2.20
			72	6.20				6.20
			73	10 60	2.00			12.60
			75	18.00	10.00	50		28.50
			76	13.00	4.00	2.50		19.50
			77	34.80	8.00	4.00		46.80
			78	3 00		25		3.25
			79	8.60	4.00			12.60
			80	19.40	4.00			23.40
			81	56.20	27.00			83.20
			84	19 00				19.00
			86	10.40		1.25	1.00	12.65
			87	8.60				8.60
			88	6.60	8.00			14.60
			89			5.25		5.25
			90	20.40	12.00			32.40
			91	6.80	2.00			8.80
			92	5.60		1.25		6.85
			94	1.80				1.80
			95	4.20				4.20
			96	6.00				6.00
			97	3.60	12.00			15.60
			98	48.20	26.00			74.20
			99			1.75		1.75
			101		11.00			11.00
			102	10.60	2.00			12.60
			103	12 80	10.00	4.00		26.80
			104	15.00	4.00	5.50		24.50
			105	5.80		1.00		6.80
			106	8.20		6.00		14.20
			108	4.80				4.80
			109	12.20	4.00		1.00	17.20
			111	3.80				3.80
			112	19 20		3.00		22.20
			116	12.80	4.00			16.80
			117	4.20	2.00			6.20
			118	7.80	6.00			13.80
			120	5.20	4 00			9.20

Grand Secretary's Report for December.

No.	P. C.	Init.	Sup.	But.	Total.
1	\$20.00	\$2.00			\$22.00
2	45.60	6.00			51.60
3	125.70	24.00			149.70
4	16.80	36.00			52.80
6	55.20				55.20
7	22.20	2.00	\$1.00		25.20
8	29.40	30.00			59.40
9			3.00		3.00
10	49 40	12.00	1.50		62 90
12	4.20	6.00			10.20
13	9.60	6.00	60		16.20
14	12.60				12.60
16	7.20	12.00			19.20
17			25	\$1.00	1.25
18	4.40				4.40
20	105.20	32.00	2.50		139.70
21	45.00	86.00	5.00	4.00	140.00
22	5.40		5.25		10.65
23	28 40	4.00	2.25	1.00	35.65
24	22.60	14.00	50		37.10
25	8.40	2.00			10.40
27	55.00	24.00	1.00		80.00
28	6.60	10.00	1.25		17.85
29	5.20	10.00			15 20
30	6.00	2.00			8.00
32	8.40	14.00	5.75		28 15
33	2.00				2 00
34	13.20		3.00		16.20
35	3.00	2.00			5.00
36	19 40				19 40
37	12.60				12.60
38	25.60	8.00			33.60
40	6.60		25		6.85
41	75.40	10.00			85.40
42	10.20				10.20
43	25.20	12.00	6.25		43 45
44	60.60	48.00			108.60
46	7.60				7.60
47	5.60		1.50		7.10
49	23.40		1.00		24.40

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121	24 00	10.00	6.75	5.00	45.75	211	4 80	6.00	10 80
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137	7.00	16.00	8.00		31.00	Supplies not sold through L. U.'s 30			
138	4 40		2.00		6.40	Buttons not sold through L. U.'s . 8 50			
140	9 80	5.00	6.00		20.80	Advertising in E. W. 156 75			
141	7 00				7 00				
143	6.80	10.00	3.00		19 80				
145	9 60				9.60				
147			1.00	1.00	2 00				
149			25		25				
150	7.20	6.00	75	1.00	14.95				
151	19.00	2.00	1.00		22.00				
153	2.40	12.00	25		14.65				
154	4.20				4.20				
155	4.80	6.00	2.75		13 55				
156	3.40				3.40				
157	3.20				3 20				
159	3.00				3 00				
160	11.60	4.00	3.50		19.10				
161			14.50	3.50	18.00				
162	11.60		1.25		12.85				
163	15.20		5 75		20.95				
165			1.25		1.25				
166	9.80				9.80				
170	3 80	6.00			9.80				
171	3.60				3.60				
172	4.40	2.00		2.00	8.40				
174	10.00			1.00	11.00				
176	28.20	6.00			34 20				
177			4.00		4 00				
178			1.00		1.00				
179	2.80		6.50		9.30				
181	5.80	2.00			7.80				
186	3.00				3.00				
187	2 80	6.00		1.00	9.80				
188	3.40				3.40				
191	4.00				4 00				
193	5.20		3.00		5.20				
194	4.00	2.00			6 00				
195	4.00	6.00			10.00				
196	1.40	4.00			5 40				
197	3 00	8.00			11.00				
200	5.40				5.40				
201	3 80	8.00			11.80				
202	2.20				2.20				
204	3.00		50		3.50				
205	10.60	13.00	50		24.10				
207			4.50	50	5.00				
209	5.00	6.00	1.00		12.00				
						Expenses for December.			
						L. F. Spence, exp. to Newark, N. J. \$6 25			
						H. W. Steinbuss, P. C. for 1901 to			
						N. B. T. C. 10 00			
						J. H. Maloney, expenses to A. F. of			
						L. Convention on acct. 50 00			
						L. F. Spence, expenses to A. F. of			
						L. Convention 109 00			
						R. D. Runyan, printing L. U. sup. 27 50			
						Death claim 168, J. W. White . . 100 00			
						" " 169, John Boyd . . . 100 00			
						" " 170, Wm. O'Brien . 100 00			
						" " 171, P. F. Sheehan . 100 00			
						" " 172, James Durkin . 100 00			
						" " 173, P. C. Schmidt . 100 00			
						" " 174, J. J. Peters . . . 100 00			
						" " 145, H. Geiger . . . 100 00			
						" " 176, P. P. Sullivan . 100 00			
						F. E. Lockman, exp. in St. Louis 11 00			
						Thomas Wheeler, org expenses in			
						Cincinnati 34 95			
						H. J. Hurd, strike exp. in Hamil-			
						ton, Ont. 31 95			
						Scrantom, Wetmore & Co. . . . 13 50			
						George Gleason, org. 208, Ports-			
						mouth, O. 5 00			
						W. G. Spinning, ptg. E. W. and			
						cuts 575 10			
						W. G. Spinning, L. U. supplies . 55 25			
						" " G. O. supplies . 23 40			
						H. W. Sherman, salary Dec. . . . 125 00			
						M. K. Clinton, " " . . . 60 00			
						J. L. Schlegel, " " . . . 24 00			
						N. H. Gray, " " . . . 24 00			
						F. J. Sheehan, sal. Oct., Nov., Dec. 50 00			
						J. J. Ernisse, 2 gross emb buttons 96 00			
						P. H. Wissinger, conducting strike,			
						Memphis 37 00			
						P. H. Wissinger, org. expenses . 99 57			
						Mailing Worker 27 45			
						J. R. Bourne, seals 13 50			

W. W. Powers, rent, Dec.	12 50
Cartage	4 50
Exchange	2 45
Postage	31 53
Gas and office supplies	2 82
Express	17 06
Telegrams	5 51

\$2485 79

Amount on hand Dec. 1st \$6316 84

December expenses 2485 79

\$3831 05

December receipts 3318 90

Amount on hand Jan. 1st \$7149 95

F. J. SHEEHAN, Grand Treas.

Hartford, Ct., Jan. 4, 1902.

Flashes From Penna.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 29, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I will now endeavor to write a few lines to the brotherhood. Bro. Albert McArdle has a record of being the fastest runner in Swantown of Pittsburg. Bro. Shields, the great diver of the lakes, will challenge any electrical worker in the brotherhood. He had a little conversation water and lost his overcoat, and swears he would not buy another one if he was worth a million dollars, for it was the first one he ever had. Bro. Hass, the great hill slider, who has made a jump of 24 feet, will challenge any jumper in the world. By the way, Bro. McGill will challenge any brother singing "Rag Time." What talk have you, big Bill? Still there, boy? Bro. Walker is the great clog dancer. Bro. Wilkenson, from Detroit, is on his uppers, but working for the Western Union. Bro. Jack McCray is having trouble on the hill with his ginnies. Old Jack is O. K.; they claim his name was in the Worker, but it was not. Best of wishes to him.

I am very sorry to say that we have lost our dear Bro. Sullivan, and we offer our deepest sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.

Joe Kratzer is all O. K. with the members here; he is a man that should be appreciated by all linemen. Bro. Beck, better known as one of the hard hitters where he hit a supposed scab and put his hand on the bum for five weeks, is working

again. It cost him \$125. Old Scabbie Baitman, who used to be president of 39, Cleveland, is still in Pittsburg running a bunch. We hope if any brothers are working for him they will take a tumble.

Bro. Clifford is running a gang for the Federal, and is a fine one and always sticks up for the money; we wish him success in the future. Anyone going to work for him must have a paid-up card.

Bro. Thompson is doing good work and may he always prosper. He also is doing good work for his local. Bro. Miner, from Detroit, is having his trouble with those barkers. I hope that all brothers who meet him will give him the glad hand, as he is all O. K. Bro. Collier is hustling to get them all in the local. May he prosper and do as fine work as he has done heretofore.

I would like to hear from big Mike Collins. Mike, if you don't write to me I will surely tear you up. Don't forget, Bro. McIntyre, when I walked up and handed you \$75 or \$80 a week. Bro. McIntyre, I would like to hear from you. I will send my best wishes to Mrs. McIntyre and yourself, hoping you may have success wherever you may go. Yours respectfully—
The Huck.

Where are you, Bro. Geo. Gleason? They must have killed you. Waken up, old man, and let us hear from you.

By the way, Bro. Reid, what is the matter at Findley! I suppose they have not got time to write something for the Worker. Bros. Manning, Suthern, Graham, White, Strangeman and Petrich Patrick Hovis. I would like to hear from all these brothers. My address is 1104 Bedford ave. I would like to hear from Bro. C. Haddler. The last time I saw him he went out in a side-door Pullman for Brooklyn, N. Y. May good luck follow you, Chris, old boy, wherever you may go.

If Bros. Fred Wager or Walter Colliday should read this Worker, Bro. A. Wilkinson would like their address in the next Worker. Brothers, if you ever hit this town don't fail to call and see W. J. Braman and Chas. Krumauher. They are two first-class union bartenders at 700 Smithfield street.

I met Bro. Jim Riely, who always held up for wages. Bro. Lost, what is the mat-

ter with you? Wake up and let us hear from you. Best of wishes to Bro. Dirken; I would like to hear from you. Best wishes to Supt. Ruttle of Cleveland, and family; also his brother Charles. Don't forget, Jack Daily, when I was pulling up the canvas to you in the winter. I would like to hear from you. It takes but a few minutes to write a letter, so do it. Would like to hear from Bros. McWilson and Billie Clark. How is big Dan Baldwin getting along in Cleveland? Would like to see his name mentioned once in a while. Don't forget, old Dan, when you had to shuck those poles yourself.

The P. & A. Tel. Co. is all right, and the Federal also, the latter paying the highest wages going out of Pittsburg. Hope all companies will have to pay the same to all first-class foremen and linemen all over the country. Bros. McGill, Walker, Miner, Beck, McArdle, also Foremen Sloan, Murphy and Thompson, best of wishes to all the boys and brothers of the Electric Light Co., and also of the local, for what they have done for me while I have been laid up with a sore hand. Findley local has done nothing for me, yet I worked for them while I was there. I hope Bro. McKay has success in holding the foremanship. Bro. Reid, take a little time some evening to answer my letter. I treated you as a brother when I was in Findlay. If you have no time to write I will forgive you. Best wishes to you; come and see me when you are in Pittsburg. We all make mistakes, but I send you my brotherly love. Best wishes to Peterson and Bro. Cuddy. How is Cuddy? I heard he had a bad fall. My regards to Jack Doran. Where is he?

Bros. Faust and Ross have been visiting us this week, and wherever they may go I hope all brothers will give them the glad hand. They are O. K. Bro. Jake Hass is laid up in bed with a bad cold and we hope he will be out again soon. Hail Chief, Hail Scout, and a good scout, has just drifted in—M. Gordon; he is O. K. I would like to hear from Bro. Jack Ward, where he is sticking. Met Bro. Jim Riely here and he is as white a union man as ever came down the pike.

Mr. Hamilton sends his best regards to

all union linemen. He has two union bartenders.

Work is not very plentiful around Pittsburg, but all brothers with paid-up cards are working steady.

Yours respectfully,

LONG HUNGRY.

P. S. It is quite nice to read the Worker when you are laid up and can't work; it is about the only thing I take interest in when I am around the house. Have been laid up from Nov. 25 to Dec. 30. Hoping you will find space in the back of the Worker for these few lines, and also that all members of the brotherhood had a merry Christmas and wishing them a happy New Year, I remain,

Respectfully yours, THE HUCK.

HE SLEEPS IN OLD OHIO.

In the vale of old Ohio,

'Mong those far-off cedar groves,
Sleeps the one we knew as chieftain,
And whose memory mankind loves.
He is sleeping in the shadow
Where the cedars reach the meadow,
In that far-off land he loved so,
In Ohio, far away.

Where the stream glides by so quietly
To the far-off distant plain,
Where the song birds in their carols
Love to linger and remain,
Where the sun shines out in splendor
'Mong the roses all the day,
For the tomb of our brave chieftain,
In Ohio, far away.

He was friendly to the nations
And the people of his land,
And devoted to his home life,
Which was honest as his hand.
No one shook his hand but knew him,
Words that all could sure depend.
All is over but the memory,
Which shall live out to the end.

Where the grass is filled with clover,
Friends around that mound still hover,
Sleeps the soldier's friend of both—
The blue and gray.
While a nation's sadly weeping
Our noble friend is sleeping
In the far-off land he loved so,
In Ohio, far away. JOHN T. EARLE.

OUR LOCALS.

Local Union No. 4.

New Orleans, Jan. 1, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

A happy New Year to you and all the locals throughout the United States.

It is New Year's morning and the church bells are ringing and all the old people are going to pray for better luck in the present year. I hope and trust they will remember and pray for all the linemen and electrical workers in general, as I know they cannot pray for themselves after spending such a jovial night as they did at the ball last night. I was not able to attend myself, but from what I can learn it was a grand affair and is quite the talk of the town. All the ladies received good attention and everything was carried on in grand style. There was no money spared to make it a success.

Our next move on the docket is the seating of our new officers on next meeting night, as they were all elected on Dec. 18th.

We are having good luck so far as good health and lots of work is concerned, as we have no sick members on the list and everything looks bright for the future.

Bro. Daniel Leddy has met with a great sorrow in the death of his beloved and faithful wife. Local No. 4 passed suitable resolutions of sympathy for Bro. Leddy.

This is my last letter to the press for a while. My successor will write the next letter. I need not introduce him to you as he has filled the office before, but I might as well mention his name, Oscar Clarke, better known as Kid Clarke. He is pretty good with the pen and I know we will not be sorry for his re-election.

I have nothing more to say at present, but in the future if I see or hear of anything that would be good news I will hunt up the Kid and let him know all about it. Good night and a happy New Year to you all.

Very respectfully,

THOS. ASPINWALL, P. S.

Local Union No. 8.

Toledo, O., Dec. 28, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Hello, boys, you did not get any news

from No. 8 last month, and will not get much now, but what there is is good.

About the most important business transacted was the securing by the following committee of an agreement with the Toledo Home Tel. Co.: Bros. Beley, Bunch, Billingslea, Matthews and Campbell.

The agreement may not be the very finest in the country, but when you take into consideration the fact that up to a few months ago the linemen of Toledo have had no organization for years and that this is the very first agreement that has been successfully made with any company in this city, we think we may be pardoned for considering it a good, long stride in the right direction.

Having already taken up enough space in our valuable little journal I am, with best wishes,

Yours,

JOS. A. W. BILLINGSLEA,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 14.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 3, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As this is my last letter as press secretary, I will try and get it in on time.

I wish to thank the brothers of L. U. 14 for the support they gave the dance committee, as the dance was a grand success both socially and financially. The boys and their friends had a good time from start to finish. I also wish to thank Local No. 5 for their support, and hope No. 5 will follow No. 14's example in the dancing line.

Pittsburg is at its old gait again; all brothers are working and there's a spare job for the floater with a good card. I don't mean a hard-luck story; I mean a good card, as hard-luck stories don't go. Bro. R. E. Collier was re-elected business agent, and nothing else goes.

We had the misfortune to lose our esteemed Bro. Pete P. Sullivan, who died from an operation for stomach trouble. Bro. Sullivan was a man, and what more could be said of any of us? He leaves a wife and two small children. All brothers will mourn his loss. No. 14 took full charge of his remains. Resolutions adopted appear in another part of the Worker.

The thing of most interest about Pitts-

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burg is the political situation. W. A. S. has caused a great stir among all classes and I think and hope that our hog's meal will be cut down at the February election. We will have a Citizens' ticket and it promises to be a good one. So, boys, get out and get a hold of the candidates in your ward and see if you can't make the city job a union job. Don't stand for any game of talk. The polling booth is the place to show what you are made of. The machine that runs this city has turned you down hard. They turned down the brothers of No. 5 in the same manner and did the same thing with the painters. Brothers, we can't get any worse than we have got, so let us get together and have a change and see if it will not better our condition.

Bro. Shields fell in the river and was pulled out by Bro. Foster when the mercury registered five above zero.

We still have the Hon. H. H. Hicks with us. He got here in time for the dance and we had some singing that was not down on the program. Thank you, Bro. Hicks; thank you!

Bro. Jim Morris and Bro. Frank Kenust are on the sick list. The brothers wish them a speedy recovery.

It was rumored around Pittsburg that Bro. Jack McRay, better known as "Phila" Jack, had been guilty of scabbing it. This is not true; he never scabbed in this city or in any other city as far as L. U. 14 can find out. Bro. McRay would like to hear from any man who can prove he ever scabbed.

The following officers were elected at our last meeting in December:

Pres.—W. L. Thompson.
Vice-Pres.—Thos. Steen.
Rec. Sec.—D. P. Warman.
Fin. Sec.—P. F. Doyle.
Treas.—D. W. Van Amberg.
Foreman—W. R. Mooney.
Inspts.—Wm. Murray and E. H. Weaver.
Trustee—J. S. Walke.
Press Sec.—M. J. Shields.
Bus. Agent—R. E. Collier.

W. L. THOMPSON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 15.

West Troy, Jan. 3, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I would like to say to all brothers of the

electrical workers on my retirement as press secretary of Local No. 15 that in regard to my letter of November, that it was not endorsed nor was any other letter that I have written for that local endorsed by the local. As for the return paragraph that was written by a brother in that local, will say that I think by the tone it is "away off" as for being endorsed by the local, and I think that it is personal pure and simple. If my letter of the month of October was read right such a paragraph would not have been written. I was asked to and did explain it in a satisfactory manner to our recording secretary. As for finding me through the columns of the Worker, I think if the same brother would find out before making any such breaks that he would be perfectly satisfied by consulting the recording secretary and as far as the fence racket is concerned, I will say that I know of no fence and I don't think it is a glass one at that. Now the financial secretary wants to see me; well he can write to my address by seeing the recording secretary. I explained my case fully and can again but circumstances alter cases. I also think that my card is as good as the next. There have been letters written by the different press secretaries of No. 15, some of which have been refused space in the Worker. I know of none I have written so far that has met that fate.

Hoping the brother, or possibly past president by this time, is satisfied and also hoping all the brothers of the I. B. E. W. have had a Merry Xmas and wishing them a happy New Year, I remain,

E. HILTON, P. S.

Local Union No. 18.

Kansas City, Jan 3, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

A Happy New Year to you, one and all. No. 18 is still in the fight. Our old machine is running smoothly and brushes are not sparking from any overload. I wish we had a few more lights to put on; we could stand the load all right, but it seems to be impossible to get the linemen to understand the advantages of unionism. As I said last month we are going to keep up the fight until the last.

I am sorry to report the loss of an old and tried member of No. 18, Bro. C. H.

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Adams, who has been a member of No. 18 for the last 10 years, and has taken out his withdrawal card. Bro. Adams has gone out with our best wishes. We all knew that Charlie was a good union man, for we had tried him in all the offices the local could bestow on him. He also served two years on the executive board with credit to the local of which he was a member and to the office which he held. Here's to you, Charlie, I hope to see you back among us before long.

I will now give you the names of our new officers :

Pres.—J. T. Byers. The long man of the union.

Vice-Pres.—J. H. Rush. He does not rush the can.

Rec. Secy.—G. W. Jones. Not the G. W. of hatchet and cherry tree fame, because he can tell one once in a while.

Fin. Sec.—J. K. Lamb. Nothing very little about this lamb, but quite an old buck, for he butts in when it is to the interest of the local.

Treas.—James MacMackin. Of course he is a Scot. You ought to see him in kilts.

You all know who the press secretary is so I will not say a word about him.

1st Inspector.—J. S. Tod Hunter. He says he is French. I guess he is for he likes the hind legs.

Foreman—C. R. Russell. We will put him out to rustle up some of those back-sliding members of No. 18.

Bro. Lester Reece has been able to get up the past week, but is still confined to his room. He has to use crutches to get around on. I thought at first the awful fall he got would leave him as poor Bro. Wright was left, so I am glad to report that Bro. Reece is on his way to recovery. Boys, it sometimes makes me wild to think we have to work for the wages that we do and take our life in our hands every time we start out to do our day's work. For each day we work we know not but what we will be brought home dead or crippled for life. How long, Oh Lord, how long? Will the workingman never wake up? This lethargy must stop some time. Why not now? For God's sake men wake up and assert your rights. Stand together, man to man, and we can sweep the land. Oh, that I had the pen of a Childs or

Henry George, so that I could bring the laboring man to the realization of his condition. How gladly would I wield it for his benefit. But as I have not got it I will always try to do the best I can with what knowledge I have for the bettering of my co-workers.

Bro. Sheehan, I thank you for starting the ball rolling. My only wish is that I will always be what I claim to be at this writing—a true union man at heart. I also thank you, Bro. Sherman, for the kind editorial in last month's Worker, and each and every member of the brotherhood in advance for whatever they are able to spare. When I get the limbs, I want to know that I got them from the entire brotherhood, and not from a few. I want to feel that I am looked on as a true and worthy member of the I. B. E. W. So, as I said before, I thank each one in advance for anything that they can do from one cent to the dollars.

Bro. Jim Brown, you ought to consider yourself in luck. When I tackled the N. P. in '83, Jamestown only had a small frame shack and a dozen houses, and three of them were Chinese, so you see what you would have been up against at that time. You are in luck, my boy.

Hello, Bro. Morrison of No. 3; have you forgotten me? What is the matter with Bro. Charlie Taylor of No. 41? He has surely forgotten those cards. Bro. Eaton, just tell them that you saw me, and Bro. McNulty of 52, I have not heard a word from you. Are you very busy, old man? If not, let me hear from you.

Well, No. 1, we have got one of your boys up here with us, Bro. Al Bennett. I have not had the pleasure of meeting the said brother as yet, but hope to before he leaves us. Bro. Bennett has charge of the wiring of the Imperial Brewery and when he got here the first thing he did was to ask for union men. That is the kind of a man that I want to tie up to. Oh for more like him. We furnished all that we could and I hope that Bro. Bennett will have no cause to complain of their work or unionism. So here's to you, Bro. Bennett; come down to the Court House. I would like to shake you by the hand.

We have a brother here that I would like to say a word or two for, Bro. Junior

Parrish, electrician for Emery Bird, Thayer & Co. Bro. Parrish has been a staunch and true member of No. 18 ever since he has been in the business. He came in an apprentice and has been with us ever since. When he needs any help nobody but a union man goes and his card must be paid up. So here's to you, Bro. Parrish; I hope that you will never grow weary of well doing.

I will ring off until February.

Yours for the I. B. E. W.,

HARVEY BURNETT,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 22.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 2, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Dear Sir and Brothers—I give below list of officers elected at last regular meeting for ensuing term. You will note Bro. Dutton was elected press secretary, but on account of critical illness in his family he asked me to kindly fill the office for January, so will endeavor to do so in as brief a manner as possible.

Pres.—T. D. Hahn.

Vice Pres.—M. J. Shields.

Rec. Sec.—Geo. E. Russell.

Fin. Sec.—Walter Sherwood.

Treas.—W. J. Wales.

Press Sec.—Chas. Dutton.

There are dozens of brothers scattered all over the country who will remember Mr. B. O. Nichols, and who will be pained to note his sudden death announced in following clipping:

Malta, Ill., Dec. 30.—While running at a speed of sixty miles an hour, the first section of the "Omaha Flyer" on the Chicago & Northwestern yesterday dashed into a freight standing on a siding at this place.

Four people were killed, and more than thirty others injured more or less seriously. The dead:

George W. Rudio, western agent Kirk Soap company, Omaha.

Mrs. George W. Rudio, Omaha.

B. O. Nichols, general manager Citizens' Gas & Electric Light company, Council Bluffs, Ia.

E. B. Duncan, sleeping car porter, Chicago.

B. O. Nichols was a young Council Bluffs business man who had scores of friends. He came to Council Bluffs in the fall of 1898, to assist in the reorganization of the Council Bluffs Gas & Electric Light company, and was afterwards made general manager. He also represented other eastern interests.

Last evening Mrs. Charles T. Stewart, and Miss Elizabeth Stewart, whose marriage to Mr. Nichols was to have soon taken place, started for Chicago after receiving word of his injuries. They did not know of his death when they departed.

Mr. Nichols' father lives at Indianapolis, and it is thought the body will be taken there for interment.

I can safely say Mr. Nichols was one man in ten thousand. By his death the electrical workers lose a true friend. He was a friend to union linemen, and always kept his word with the liners where he had charge of work. It was no card, no work. If only the Chicago brothers had Mr. Nichols to deal with instead of that scab-breeder it would be a different story. I expect all brothers who worked under Mr. Nichols could tell some things he did for brothers in Council Bluffs. Do not forget the death of Bro. Fred Robinson. Not many general managers act as Mr. Nichols did.

One word about another friend of the inside wiremen, Mr. M. P. Powell, who has been selected as representative of the Republic Oil Co. Bert, as he was better known among the boys, has always made it a rule to see that union wiremen did his work. He was chief electrician and engineer at the Grand Hotel for several years past. All the electrical workers wish Bert success in his new undertaking.

Work is very good in Omaha, that is, all brothers are working. Bro. Cavander, of K. C. and Denver, is out in the woods at Schuyler, Neb., for the W. E. Co.

Bro. Turner and Dick Shields are at Grand Island putting in a 3-phase plant. I saw Bro. Wales walking the streets Saturday morning. Guess, Billy, you will have to get in on to that Saturday lunch gag, see?

Old War Horse Huhn is still doing the heavy work for the W. E. Co., and as long as Gimpey and you don't mix I guess you are O. K., Tom.

Lee G. Lowery has bloomed out into a full-fledged knight of the grip, and the way the freight biz has picked up in Omaha is a fright. The drivers' union say Lee is slated for a medal. If he can only keep those Swede stories going the W. E. Co. will be compelled to add more shipping clerks to their list.

Bro. Chas. Baysdorfer says it is a girl

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and weighs 10 pounds. We saw the smiles, Charles, but cigars, never. We all wish the little one a long and happy life.

Local 22 will soon be housed in her own rooms if all plans work out successfully. Will write more in next Worker and give full description of our new lodge rooms.

Should like to hear from Bros. Read and Spellissy of 68 and McMullin of 121. Schalbert, how is round-head? Ha, ha!

Bro. Lowery sends his regards to all delegates of the convention. This local wishes to thank the finance committee and wishes Local Union No. 9 success and a grand victory. Local Union No. 22 voted for Salt Lake and Washington.

Traveling cards of the following brothers deposited to date: W. Cavander, 68, Denver; Jas. Boyd, 68, Denver; Chas. Dutton, 41, Buffalo; Bro. Devault, 41, Buffalo; H. McGaugh, 41, Buffalo; and Geo. E. Russell, 68, Denver.

Yours fraternally,
GEO. E. RUSSELL,
P. S. pro tem.

Local Union No. 23.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 23 is alive and expects to pull through the winter. We are getting a few at every meeting and by the first of the new year expect to have all of them in this town. It will cost them more money after that. Some of the boys think it will not be of any benefit, but when they go to other towns they learn something. My attention was called to a certain party a few days ago who wanted to be made a good fellow on about two hours' notice; he has been here all summer and thought he would go to a city west of here, when he found that he would have to be right if he worked there. He went, but I do not know how he will come out.

As the election of officers is held with us on the 16th of this month I hope that No. 23 will be represented by a press secretary that will far excel me; my office expires with this letter.

We will give a ball on the 18th of this month and everything looks favorable for success. Tickets are selling well. I will close wishing one and all a prosperous and happy new year.

Fraternally yours,
C. W. B., P. S.

Local Union No. 24.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Conditions in Minneapolis are in very bad shape; should not advise any workers to head this way, though the latchstring is out for all who do come. No. 24 is very fortunate in having no one on the sick list at present.

I read with much pleasure the report of Bro. Wheeler, past G. P. I sincerely hope his past efforts for the I. B. E. W. will be kept in mind by the lay members of the order.

Bro. W. F. Carpenter is still giving No. 24 the benefit of what he observed while in St. Louis, and we find a great many changes are needed to bring No. 24 up to the proper standard, which can only be done by the members, not a few members, but all.

The Twin City Tel. Co. had some trouble last week with its construction crew, of which there are five, but from last reports I expect they have arrived at a settlement.

Since my last letter No. 24 has received on card: Bros. R. Larson, No. 83, M. C. Kelliher, No. 45, J. Newell, No. 17, Jasper Hawley, No. 23, Geo. Kelliher, No. 45, Del Dezell, No. 23, J. R. Bolin, Winnipeg.

Hello, No. 9! Keep up your courage, is what No. 24 sends you.

Time to hang up.

Fraternally,
J. M. RUST,
Press Sec.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 3, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Dear Sir and Brothers—No. 24 had a rousing meeting the last night of the old year, which held to see the new year in. Upon entering the hall I was surprised to see all the seats filled, even to the second row. After initiation of three candidates and some other preliminary business, the local proceeded to elect officers, while Bro. Rust passed the cigars.

Bro. Holford was elected president for the ensuing term and Bro. J. J. Reynolds was re-elected financial secretary. Jack, old boy, you are doing some hustling. Keep it up. Nearly twice the number of members in good standing.

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After election of officers Bro. Rust seemed to have something on his mind which he was anxious to get rid of. Bro. Barnes called Bro. Carpenter to the chair. Bro. Rust took the floor and stated that there was a brother of Local No. 24 who persisted in using the telephone service to ascertain the time of day, and that he had also been accused of getting up at 4 o'clock in the morning to saw wood; that the brother referred to was Bro. W. F. Carpenter; he then, just as the clock struck 12, presented Bro. Carpenter with a gold watch and chain from Local 24 as a token of appreciation of Bro. Carpenter's untiring and unceasing efforts in the welfare of No. 24. To say Bro. Carpenter was surprised would be mild.

I hear No. 52, of Newark, is out on a strike. Brothers, I wish you speedy success. No. 9 is still out, and we hope they may hold out till success is theirs.

Below is a list of officers that were elected at our last meeting:

Pres.—G. P. Holford.
Vice-Pres.—Wm. Dugan.
Rec. Sec.—J. M. Rust.
Fin. Sec.—J. J. Reynolds.
Treas.—W. F. Carpenter.
First Inspector—W. J. Dent.
Second Inspector—H. W. Brownson.
Trustees—W. G. Barnes, W. C. Fortney.
Statistician—C. V. Bell.
Press Sec.—L. A. Hellier.

L. A. H.

Local Union No. 26.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

We take great pleasure in sending to all locals of the I. B. E. W. New Year's greetings. We wish you all a happy New Year and hope that the year 1902 will be a prosperous one for all. Our regular meeting was called together on Tuesday night, which happened to fall on New Year's eve, considering which we had a fair attendance. After routine business we had election of officers. Our first chair to fill, as you all know, is the president's, and Worthy Past Pres. John Hoffecker thinking he has earned a rest, which he honestly has, we had to look around for some one else. We found a brother who we all know can fill the chair, as he has been tried before.

I will now introduce our new president, Bro. Tichnor.

We next have for vice-president a brother who will be able to help the president in maintaining order, Bro. Frasher, our present hard-working and honest financial secretary.

Bro. Geo. Malone succeeded himself, which was kind of natural, as he always makes the slow ones come up and sign in time for the tax to go in.

Then we put in a brother who has at some time or other been imported from Ireland for recording secretary, Bro. A. De Longpre, but I guess he is all right.

We then took one of our young brothers into the fold, and as reports say he is running a grocery store on the side, we made him treasurer and gave him the money to help him along, and our brother, Frank Holt, smiled all over his thanks for the gift.

Then we made Silent Bro. Jim Bryne inspector and Bro. Irvin Kosh foreman.

Next came the strong boy from Jack Galloway's shop, Bro. Ollie Ross, for trustee, and last your humble servant press secretary.

We had with us during the meeting our Worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. Sherman, who, after the regular business and election of officers was over, gave us a little talk. As you all know, he is getting ready to move the headquarters to our city, and right here we want to thank you all for voting Washington headquarters. It was a long walk to Rochester if we had any business with our grand officers, but aside from that Washington should be general headquarters for all labor organizations. Here is the place where your representatives and senators meet and here is the place to get at them.

Brothers, No. 26 is advancing up the line. The 1st of the year our new scale of wages went into effect at the rate of \$3.50 for eight hours. All locals try and keep in line. As I think I have written enough for my first, will close.

NOTH. NAGLE.

Local Union No. 40.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 10, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 40 is still meeting every other Thurs-

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day, but we hope soon to get a better hall and meet every week. The ladies are very anxious to give us another surprise (that means something to eat).

We have heard from some of our lost boys lately. Some of them are taking cards and others are paying up.

Glad to see letter from Bro. Slagbaugh (Joliet.) Will say for him that we have driven the Dr. to drink, but he is dying hard. They have a new foreman at Charity's shop about once a month, and change scabs of enen. We will have them going right after the first of the year.

Our city is now lighted all night every night with the new A-B lamps, by a 125 light Excelsior dynamo. This only lights the business district; the resident portion is lighted with 450 Excelsior lamps of ancient pattern, but which give a good moon-light system in the suburbs.

Bros. Bartlett, Evenges and Buis are with the city rebuilding, but will probably finish up some time this month. Bro. Buis has been laid up from the effect of a fall upon the ice, which bruised him up pretty badly. Bro. Jim Arnold is working in his place.

Will Gates was here on a sad mission last week, his baby having died while here on a visit to its grandparents. Bro. Gates and wife have the sympathy of all.

The following are officers for the ensuing term:

Pres.—Wm. Noonan.
Vice-Bres.—Edw. Bartlett.
Rec. Sec.—Wm. Dorsel.
Fin. Sec.—H. C. Ellis.
Press. Sec.—W. T. Wise.
Treas.—Chas. Waller.
Insp.—Jim Arnold.
Foreman—Chas. Waller.
Trustees—Peerg, Wise and Schneiker.

WISE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 41.

Buffalo, N. Y: Jan. 3, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

After the smoke of battle had cleared away on our last meeting night in December, the following officers were duly elected:

Pres.—Louis W. Wepperman.
Vice-Pres.—Harry Winspear.
Rec. Sec.—Alex. Pulliam.

Fin. Sec.—H. M. Scott.

Treas.—Clay Weeks.

Inspector—Mike Moran and Charles Gleason.

Foreman—Joseph Greiner.

Trustees—Chas. Taylor, Henry Harris, Geo. W. Frolick.

Sick Committee—Frank Nolan, Clay Weeks, W. M. Hoffman.

Examining Board—Douglas, Williams, L. Wepperman, C. Taylor.

Delegate to United Trades and Building Trades Council—Albert Cunningham, Clay Weeks, Albert Richardson, Henry Harris.

Business Agent—Albert Cunningham.

The above named brothers are, in my opinion, the best set of officers L. U. 41 ever had and the esteem that they are held in by 41 can be easily told by the majorities they were elected by, as there were from three to eight candidates for every office. The local had lots of good material to chose from and certainly made a good job. The officers have the support of every member in keeping 41 where it has always stood, the banner local of Buffalo or any other place, and have my best wishes in doing so.

After the installation of officers on Jan. 2, we had a grand smoker, which proved to be the best success of anything undertaken by 41, and the way the brothers enjoyed themselves will never be forgotten. The program started with a selection from one of the leading orchestras of Buffalo, who played throughout the evening and early morning hours. They volunteered, and were secured by Bro. LeVersey, who is also a member of the Musicians' Union. Bro. Scott was announcer, Bro. Rosentengel time keeper, Bro. Richardson referee of the wrestling matches, and the undersigned of the boxing bouts. We had vocal talent from a quartette secured by Bro. Wepperman. Bros. Lower and Terry had charge of the banquet and did nobly, as they kept the waiters on the go all night, while Bros. Wepperman and O'Connor acted as royal tapsters with great credit. Bro. Weeks had charge of the pipes and tobacco.

A wrestling match between Bros. Tommie Keene and Ki Ki was won in two straight falls by Ki Ki, after a fine exhibition in 2 1-2 and 7 1-4 minutes.

In a three round bout between Bros. Scheifer and Moran, the way they went at each other you would not think they were brothers. It was a very clever bout, evenly matched, and I called it a draw, but to my surprise Schiefer protested.

After this bout a friend of Bro. Nolan's challenged any one in the hall to a three round contest and was accepted by Bro. Spike Mulvaney.

Next Bro. Richell agreed to stay 15 minutes in a wrestling contest with Bros. Ki Ki and Tommie Keene, which he did and secured two falls and the match in 6 minutes.

Then came Bro. Spike Mulvaney and Nolan's unknown. After three fast rounds as both men were fresh and there was a lot of money bet on the result, I called the match a draw, which met with the approval of the house. Next, a 15 minute wrestling match between Bros. Stewart and Drullard, was one of the finest exhibitions I ever saw. There was not an idle minute in it and, as neither secured a fall, a draw was the result. Bros. Seitz and Keene went on for three rounds, but after two rounds of hard slugging I stopped the bout and called it no contest, as Bro. Seitz was too heavy for Keene, who by the way, is as game a little fellow as you will run across.

Bros. Richell and Fink, in a 15 minute wrestling match, showed all the tricks of the game, and after 15 minutes hard work, during which neither secured a fall, it was declared a draw.

Bro. Seitz and Nolan's unknown, who proved to be Jim McDougall, a fighter of prominence, went on for four rounds, but after two minutes of the second round I stopped the bout and gave the decision to Bro. Seitz, as McDougall would have been out if it continued.

Bros. Beckley and Gleason put up a very clever three round bout and had every one in the room standing waiting for a knock out. As I had a small bet on Gleason I called it a draw, which did not prove very satisfactory.

The next event proposed was the best on the program, and also my doom, as there was nothing but protests from my decision. It was a three round bout between Bros. Scott and King. After eight

minutes of the third and last round I noticed that the timekeeper had forgot to ring the bell so I called time and was unable to give a decision, and, as the agreement was that a decision was to be given I called for an extra round. I saw something sticking out of Scott's glove and going to his corner found he had some old notes due from some of the brothers and disqualified him, and as I was trying to get order to announce a decision I noticed King looked very red in the face and I examined his gloves and found he had the constitution rolled up in his glove. I called the bout no contest and have to keep dodging King and Scott ever since.

The rest of the evening was given to 41's quartette and the other local talent of the local. At 3:15 a. m. Bro. O'Connor filled the glasses for the last time and the local sang Old Lang Syne and closed the happiest event L. U. 41 ever had.

On Jan. 1st the L. U. held a special meeting. We had a committee out to close a new working agreement and they were unable to agree on the minimum wage scale and when the agreement would end with the contractors, so 41 decided they would not work until they signed the agreement we presented. Consequently we are on strike. I do not think it will last long as all inside men in Buffalo are in 41 and they all came out to a man. Two shops have signed already and it will not be long before the rest will have to. Inside work is not very brisk at present, but the prospect for a good year is very bright. Inside men will do a lot of good for 41 by staying away from Buffalo until the trouble is over. We think this is a fight of the whole brotherhood as the National Contractors' Association is pitted against us and is helping the Buffalo branch all they can. If it had not been for that the agreement would have been signed, as a lot of the shops have been paying what we are asking. Hoping all inside men will stay away until we notify them, I remain

Yours very truly,

PRESS SEC. 41.

Local Union No. 42.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As No. 42 has had an open circuit in the

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Worker for some time past I will endeavor to close it and let the boys know we are still on the job, right side up. Some of the boys may think old 42 has been caught in a gale and sunk beneath the deep blue sea, but such is not the case, as we are still afloat and sailing as fine as a new ship just from the ways. Although I cannot say our attendance at meetings is as good as it should be, some of the brothers are on hand every meeting night and stick it out, but some come up, slip in and pay their dues, and when the meeting is called to order are gone. They congregate on the corners and talk union business—what should and what should not be done. Now, brothers, we have a very nice meeting room, which is the place to talk these matters in. Brothers, show up at the meetings and help make them interesting. We are now about to enter a new year, so get together and start off with a jump. Build a big bonfire for 1902 and make things smoke, for we can do it if we try, as there is yet some good material left in 42.

Things have been quite lively around here for the past six months. The Street R. R. Co. has been doing quite a lot of new work and has lots to do yet. The Electric Light is still on the jump with plenty of work, and the Telephone Co. is still holding her own.

We have had a few visiting brothers with us this fall, among them Bro. Pryne, of 79, Syracuse, and Bro. Wickwire of 58, Niagara Falls. Keep coming, brothers; we are always glad to see your faces.

We are gathering in a few new ones. Last meeting night we had two applications and have two more for next. In all we have now about 40 members.

We have been very unfortunate in the removal of a very valuable member, Bro. Masters, who has gone to Detroit, Mich. Good luck to you, Bro. Masters, and if you can find time drop old 42 a few lines and let the boys know how you are. We will try and let you hear from us once in a while hereafter.

I will have to close now for I am grounded and will have to plug my light out for repairs. Good luck to you, brothers.

Fraternally, L. D. LACY,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 49.

Chicago, Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, brothers, Local 49 starts the year 1902 with the following newly-elected officers:

Pres.—J. Byrns.

Vice-Pres.—C. Brinklinger.

Rec. Sec.—W. Hickey.

Fin. Sec.—M. Malloy.

Press Sec.—F. J. Strubbe.

Treas.—W. Watson.

Inspectors—C. Sullivan and J. Jensen.

Trustees—J. Byrns, R. Folk, J. O'Neil.

In these officers you have invested the power and responsibility of our local. Charge a man with a grave responsibility and you are in duty bound to give him power. Give him power and you are duly bound to hold him strictly responsible; so you see the officers-elect have the power, and also are held responsible for what may be done. It's up to us, brothers, to see that they do not abuse that power, and also that all responsibility shall not fall on their shoulders, but take a little on ourselves by attending meetings and doing a little something to further the interests of our union.

The year 1902 should and shall be the banner year of our existence. Our membership must increase and every man in the local ought to work like beavers to see that the trimmers of Chicago and suburbs are organized in one grand lodge. Never mind about the trimmers in the employ of the city of Chicago; don't bother about them; for they will come without the asking by-and-by. After you have the outside trimmers, such as the Edison, Commonwealth and Park men, they will beg to be made a good fellow. Then show them no mercy.

Brothers, try and interest all good, experienced trimmers to file an application with the civil service commission, so that when an examination takes place trimmers will take the test and not dubs. Let's try and elevate our craft with this step as the start, and watch results. We have had experience enough with dubs; let's try and place men with good records and experience, men who are a pride to their craft, and who have their work at heart. I once had a man sent out with me who passed the examination and passed with a fair aver-

age, and I put this question to him: "What were the lamps you trimmed, high or low tension?" This is his answer: "I guess they were high tension, because I had to trim from a step-ladder." That kind of a man cannot do you, me or his employer any good, for his inexperience would mean expenses, which would mean so much off our salaries, because he could not be economical in his carbon supply, would constantly need looking after, and cause extra expense for somebody, and the cost of lamp changes and repairs would amount to quite an item. I could give a number of more causes why an experienced man should always be placed instead of an inexperienced man whenever possible. We owe it to the people who employ us, so do a little hustling, get names of men with experience on the list, protect your employers and yourselves.

We are not the only pebbles. There is another local of trimmers in the U. S., Local No. 4 of Rochester, N. Y. We wish them success and prosperity.

I hope that the trimmers will soon see the need of forming separate locals all through the United States and Canada.

It is with sorrow I record that death has visited the home of a member of Local 49, Bro. F. H. Prince, on the 3d of January, and taken to eternal rest the remains of his beloved wife and helpmate. May God spare him to watch over and rear his darlings, left motherless, and give him power to bear his great loss.

I remain, fraternally,

F. J. STRUBBE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 52.

Newark, N. J., Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The fight is on to a finish. The contractors have combined to bust us. When they wake up their pipe will be out. Ten of them have formed what is known as the Contractor's Association of New Jersey. I understand they have put up \$25 each, and any of them who signs our agreement will forfeit the same to the association. What is keeping No. 52 guessing is where some of them got the \$25, for on many a pay day some of our brothers went home with a large balance due them from some

of those contractors. Up to date, six contractors have signed our agreement, namely the Chase Electric Co., S. F. Bently, Adam Licht, Rossitor Electrical Co. of Newark, Joseph W. Glaistee of Mountclair and George R. Boyce of Orange.

The contractors brought the fight on themselves, for we met them more than half way. We appointed a committee of five which met a committee of like number of the contractors and we gave way to them on about 12 points, but when it came to the question of \$3.50 per day they refused point blank to give it unless we gave them 90 days before it went into effect. This was out of the question, as we had lived up to our agreement and gave the required notice, 60 days. We had also pledged our word to the convention that we would demand \$3.50 per day when our agreement expired, to place us on a basis with No. 3 as to wages. We sent a committee to No. 3 and when they heard we were out for \$3.50 per day they voted to a man to support us in the fight. The contractors advertised in the New York papers for wiremen and got quite a few answers in the shape of wiremen coming over and when they found out there was a strike on took the next train back. All told they had about six among the whole bunch and they are doing the contractors more harm than good; so we are resting easy.

Local No. 52 has had only one scab in its history; his name is "Pease," and he left Newark and scabbed it on No. 3. He is now scabbing on us with the United Electric Co. of New Jersey, and, by the way, talking about scabs, Golding is the name of the brother from No. 99 who is with the same company. Nice people; great manhood they have—take an obligation to aid and assist a brother and then turn and take the bread and butter out of his mouth instead. Men like them will die standing up.

One of our brothers has bet a certain contractor \$10 that there won't be a member of Local No. 52 scab it during this strike. The bro. has got a good bet, for I believe he will win, as we have a bunch of stickers in this little village. If he should lose, the Lord have pity on the cause for he won't do a thing to him.

Our new local, No. 190, is getting along

slow on account of the Crocker-Wheeler Co. going right along, and our brothers all over the country handling their machines. If the E. B. would take this up and our brothers refused to handle their machines we would soon bring the company to time and have a local of shopmen in Newark with about 500 members. There is a large field for the brotherhood in this line and we can't get after them too soon.

In closing, I want to say that I trust when I write the next letter for the Worker I will be able to inform the brothers that we are winners and there will be a district council of all the locals in this vicinity. I also want to say a few words of encouragement to Bro. Sheehan for starting the fund for Bro. H. Burnett for a pair of legs.

If ever a brother had unionism at heart it is Harvey Burnett, for any one in his condition must certainly be true blue. Bro. Sheehan put me down for \$1, and feel assured that the brothers of 52 will hold up their end when the fund gets agoing. Wishing every brother a happy New Year, and the Steering Committee unbounded success, I am

Fraternally,
F. J. McNULTY.

Local Union No. 54.

Columbus, O., Jan. 1, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Here I am again, trying to write a few lines to our precious journal. I was in hopes some one else would have this responsible position, the making of our journal, but no one wanted it, and I agreed to take it for another six months. By that time some of our new members will be eligible to office.

Everything seems to be working smoothly in Columbus.

The following officers were elected and will be installed at our next meeting:

Pres.—J. A. Pilger.
Vice-Pres.—A. Tighe.
R. S.—A. T. Willey.
F. S.—Wm. Creviston.
Treas.—C. O. Groce.
Inspectors—C. Miller and C. H. Gloyd.
Foreman—Tom Schwartz.
Trustees—Ed. Smoots, T. E. Allard and D. Hagerty.

What do you think of the likes of that?

We are after old scabby, Chas. Sebern, assistant superintendent for W. S. Tel. Co., whose headquarters are in this city. What do you think of a company upholding such a cur as him? When the Col. City Tel. Co. started stringing cable two years ago this spring, Sebern was head man doing their cable splicing, and when we went out in the following June to better our conditions said Sebern was the last man to quit work. He was surrounded by our brave soldiers of No. 54 one morning, and when he wouldn't listen to any of us he got a boom, bang, biff in the neck by Bro. A. J. Knight, and after a good beating and the loss of blood he staggered up in the office, and after we won out with our fight we caused him to leave this town like a freight train leaving a hobo. Then after the company nearly had their plant established they had to have good union men to open up every cable splice and do his work over, and with all the unnecessary work he caused the company, they have got him here as assistant superintendent U. S. Tel. Co., and for us to see him makes our hair stand on end. We are after him, and he will see no peace on earth and we can't sleep until he goes.

The C. U. boys all worked New Year's day. The Citizen's boys had a shooting match at Sherman's club grounds and Bro. Ed. Smoots, a foreman, walked away with the medal.

Harry Marshal, if you are living, and in the United States or Canada, you will do Wm. Creviston a favor by writing him. Chas. Baughman, are you still on earth? It would do No. 54 good to hear from you. Bro. Chas. Pierce has just returned from Southern Ohio for a week's vacation.

Business is a little slack at present, but there will be plenty of work in the early spring.

Say, L. U. No. 172, what is the matter with your press secretary? We have the first time to see a letter from Newark. Patsy Kneeland, while you are loafing around the yellow fronts in Newark, why don't you start No. 172 off in the right direction and make them get a letter to Rochester once a month? If they haven't paper, ink and stamps, No. 54 will send them some. Now, Pat, be real smart, won't you?

Mr. Press Secretary of every local throughout the United States and Canada, let's see if we can't be represented in our little journal twelve times each this year.

No. 54 wishes every local union in the land success.

I am, fraternally,

A. T. W., Press Sec.

Local Union No. 56.

Erie, Pa., Jan. 3, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

At our last election of officers, I was elected to distribute hot air through the columns of our journal for the next six months, and as the readers of the Worker will be the sufferers I hope the brothers will place the blame on whom it belongs, for I was railroaded into this job through the absence at that time of the brothers I called friends. So I will begin to apply the thumb-screw. Our last election resulted as follows:

President—Peter Oliver Jacobs.

Vice-Pres.—George Aylesworth.

Rec. Sec.—E. H. Brooks.

Fin. Sec.—Nat. Barton.

Press Sec.—J. J. Reid.

Bus. Agts.—J. J. Reid, E. H. Brooks.

Fore.—Jas. Kelly.

Insp.—Smith Meeker.

Trus.—J. F. St. Clair, Smith Meeker.

On Dec. 11th Local 56 held its fifth annual ball, and it was a complete success, both socially and financially, and those who attended aren't through talking of it yet, and the committee isn't through counting up the profits. And when you consider who had charge of arrangements who could doubt the success of it, for Bro. Harry Kistner, fat and forty, I mean half of it, was chairman, and when the orchestra struck up its first number his corpulent presence seemed to me to be carried, as Dooley says, by an ethereal body to the music of a hand-organ, and the other extreme, poor little Sliver St. Clair, made his debut in the Kozy Klub Cotillion, and I am sure the success of the evening was due to the fact of his "coming out." He was dressed very becomingly in décolleté turrets, with a deep sea roll with white caps interspersed on his figure-head, and sea-green tops, with diamonds from five and ten-cent stores.

Bro. Van Lone, the "irresistible," who has since departed for the land of "Sherman's march by the Spinning Print," was resplendent in orange-colored spur pads, with McIntyre sleeves with eccentric pedometers. But my radiant friend Peter All-over Jacobs, familiarly known by his associates as Red Pete, was certainly the pride of the ball, for besides his popularity as an electrical worker, he is a very prominent factor in political circles in Erie, of which I will mention later.

Brothers, I will not torture you with an individual mention of all the brothers and how they were dressed, but I do want to say that we all missed the big chief, Ed O'Day, with his string of wampum and eagle feathers, for "The Last of the Mohicans" would not be in it in a statutory act with the big chief, so I hope the Great Spirit will guide his moccasins to the camping ground of his brother Little Chief Jimmie Kelly, he of the heap noise and no hot air, for he weeps like a squaw at his absence—Hail Chief.

Brothers in Rochester will feel sorry for the accident that befel Bro. Tommy Duffy in this city while working for the Edison Light Co. He was severely scalded, but at the time of mailing this am glad to say he is nearly all right again.

We have not much doing in the work line at present, so I would advise anyone coming this way to continue waging war against the railroad trust, for we have several good brothers taking an enforced holiday and studying the principles of Socialism to hurl against the calamity, full dinner pail, prosperity, before-election howlers, during the next campaign.

Bro. Jas. "Pot-hook" Hanlon is on the sick list. Bro. Harry Kistner is at Shannon with that old war-horse Jimmy Vise, and Jim "Hinkey Dink" Sweeney is at New Castle with Bro. Jesse Miller, and if there is any truth in the saying, "Carrying Coals to Newcastle," Jim will be there forty ways, for Jim has a full cargo. Jim, you gentle zephyr. I wish you were here on the stump for the Labor ticket, for we need you.

Bros. Joe and Jesse Miller, John Miller and Tom Murry were here for Christmas, and we were glad to see them. Bro. Shafer is going to leave here for the East in a

few days. Bros. Pete Donohue and Geo. Burger are winding clocks for Prof. Granahan.

As I mentioned in my last cathartic, the unions in this city have nominated a full city ticket for the next municipal election, which will be held on February 18th, and without doubt, if the union men of this city will vote as they marched last Labor Day, a Labor-union mayor and full city ticket will be the bill of fare on next election day, and you would not doubt my word if you could see the enthusiasm created over the nominations.

Bro. Peter All-over Jacobs is on the stump for the ticket, and his last speech at the opera house before the laboring men of this city was a masterly effort, and has been copied by all the newspapers of this country. I would like to give it to this journal in full, but am advised not to, for lack of space. But at the call of "Red Pete" from his constituents, Peter, of massive frame, good-looking, with a head like a bas relief in brick, responded, and taking his position before the audience said:

Mr. Chairman and Fellow-Workingmen of the City of Erie, it gives me unbounded pleasure to be permitted to say a few words for the benefit of the working class [Loud and prolonged cheers], for I know you to be of that class by the grand hail by which you greeted me, and I, as a member of that class, think it necessary to enlighten you of the reasons for calling this meeting, which was to denounce Mark Hanna [Loud and continued cheering and throwing up of hats] for refusing to take his seat at the A. F. of L. Convention, and then to decoy Sam Gompers and Mitchell, Sargent and company, to New York on his anti-eman-cipation of the working class comedy rehearsal before election time and inject hot air in the full dinner pail for the next four years. [Cheers and cries of "Go it, Pete," "Well done, Pete."]

Resuming, said Fellow-Sufferers, we were promised prosperity and full dinner pails at the last election; but since that time the steel and tin-plate trust has raised the price of tin so high that even the milk peddlers have to carry their cow drops in the cow itself and deliver it in the natural producer. [Cheers and cries of "It's true,

Pete."]

And this very morning it was raining when the peddler came to my door and complained of the action of the board of health, which compels peddlers to use a sterilizing compound on their hands when pumping, to destroy the germs. [Cheers that raise the roof.] Now, fellow-workingmen, if the board of health were not capitalists, and tools of capitalists, they would enact laws to protect our pockets, as well as our stomachs, and pass an ordinance to compel milk peddlers, in rainy weather, to erect a canopy over the cow to keep the water out of the poor man's milk. [Loud cheers and the turning over of seats.]

Now, brothers, I do not wish to tax your patience any longer, for my associate, who is famous as an able writer on such subjects, on how to evade work, and is editor of Cushman's Weekly Promise to Pay and the Moore House Woman's Suffrage Advocate will explain why it will be ever thus if you don't vote as you marched on Labor Day. So I take great pleasure in introducing to you my worthy colleague.

HOT AIR,

Press Sec.

P. S.—All linemen stay away from street railway job in Augusta. Contractor, John Blair Macafee. It is a scab job.

MCINTYRE.

Local Union No. 58.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Jan. 4, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Hoping that a new writer may be excused for not sending his letter earlier and also hoping that you will find room for this, I will try and let the floating brothers know what's doing with 58. I would like to state that all brothers having traveling cards from this local should deposit them with their nearest local, as it will save trouble.

We are very sorry that some of our traveling brothers have thought we were robbing them by sending notice of an assessment with their cards. That assessment, brothers, was for the death benefit of Bro. John Jarden, which we thought was a good cause and did not think anyone would kick on it. You know we have not got a membership of one hundred, so the amount was placed at \$1.50 per member to

make up \$100, the remainder to go to the sick benefit fund. Pay up, brothers.

We have changed officers and halls and meet at Crick's Hall, corner Third and Fall streets, every Friday night. Our new officers are:

Pres.—R. A. Rawson.

Vice-Pres.—Chas. Mingay.

Fin. Sec.—Con Quackenbush.

Treas.—Wm. Bean.

Rec. Sec.—Frank Baird.

Foreman—Chas. Robinson.

1st Insp.—Geo. Harrington.

2d Insp.—Ed. Burdick.

With that bunch at the helm I think we can navigate all right.

I will make this letter short, remaining ever,

Yours fraternally,

CHAS. N. ROBINSON.

Local Union No. 59.

St. Louis, Dec. 31, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I wish to bid yourself and brothers a happy New Year from No. 59. We came with the New Year, but came to stay, not to fade like the flowers or the snow. We are, I believe, the only local of telephone wiremen in the brotherhood, but hope there will be several before next year. There are locals of linemen, inside wiremen, trimmers and splicers, but we are it.

St. Louis was the cradle of the brotherhood and we should hustle to make it the banner union city in the country and I think we can with a little work. In the language of little Jack Dunn of Cleveland, let us move ourselves and I hope that all the brothers will move and build up the brotherhood. As I am new and don't know much will close.

Yours forever,

MICHAEL A. PATRICUS.

Hark you electric workers;

Awake and rejoice for 59 was born to-day,

Born on the eve of the New Year, 1902.

Raise your voices in a song of praise

For we are the only local of telephone wiremen in the world to-day.

Boom of cannon, roar of guns,

Marked the time that we had come.

Who are we? I hear you say;

Read our roster and you can see:

McSorley holds the gavel,

O. Peters fills the vice's chair,

O'Callahan wields the pen,

Bill Walsh takes the money,

Buck Kundert says amen.

Paddy Lutz, he takes the password,

Boucher does the same,

McCarthy, O'Reay and McMoore fill the trustees' chairs.

Spurgeman is the foreman and sits at the door

McCarthy is the sentinel and walks the outer hall.

M. A. P. F. W.

Local Union No. 60.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 1, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

AN ELECTRICAL ELOPEMENT IN 1902.
A coatless lineman throws a careless arm
Round the waist of a telephone girl,
As over the dustless and mudless roads,
In a horseless carriage the whirl.
Like a leadless bullet from a hammerless gun,

By smokeless powder driven,
They fly to taste the speechless joy
By endless union given,
Though the only lunch his coinless purse
Affords to them the means,
Is a tasteless meal of boneless cod
With a "side" of stringless beans.
He puffs a tobaccoless cigarette
And laughs a mirthless laugh,
When papa tries to coax her back
By wireless telegraph.

NUT SHELL.

Local Union No. 61.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 20, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

"As a dailer, I would zay id fids yust like de baber on de vall."

The dealer in cast off clothing had grabbed the vest in the back and from a front view it was a perfect fit. Some locals would look all right in front if a big grab was taken in their backs; as it is, there is a big space to be filled. When men undertake to conduct a labor union and a fraternal organization combined for the price of one they will soon be convinced that they "bit off more than they can chew." One or the other must suffer, and as sure as fate it will be the labor end of the organization (they want benefits). When it is necessary to pay sick and funeral benefits in order to hold your union intact, when you have a lot of men that want two dollars back for the one they pay as dues, each month (some months they

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forget even the one), when members work steady and object to pay one-sixtieth of their earnings for the exclusive purpose of building up their organization which has not only shortened their hours of labor but increased their wages as well, you had better stop, cut out the poor, short-sighted, greedy fools, and go on with what loyal members you have left. Seven good members are worth more than seventy indifferent ones. Too many of them are chicken-hearted; they lack back-bone. Independence is an unknown quality to them. They are suckers pure and simple. Look to your records; see who it was who was "Johnny on the spot" for benefits, then look them over and see how many would come up each month with a pittance to create an emergency fund to tide them over for a month or two were they in trouble. You would get their little nay to anything that would separate them from a few cents as dues, yet they can belly up to the bar and shell out their coin and not miss it at all.

There are no two ways about it; a labor union cannot be run on wind. It is impossible to fight a man or corporation unless your ammunition is equal to theirs. Rent, per capita, periodicals, labor bureaus, sick benefits (whether entitled to them or not), entertainments, etc., cannot be met by the amount of dues we pay and leave any surplus to tide us over such a difficulty as we experienced. There are few who could stop work on a given day, even though it was pay-day, and hold their heads above water for sixty days.

Never looking to the future, they drag along like a lot of sheep, but if you want to hear them holler spring a proposition on them to contribute or deposit with the local a dollar a month to create a reserve fund. You would think that each one thought the next one had heart disease. "You can't get something for nothing." "Those who dance must pay the fiddler." Lay by a few dollars and you will command capital's respect. With a realization of the fact that you can't be starved out in a few short weeks, your battles will be half won, but so long as you lag along, afraid to separate yourselves from a dollar or two, when you forget that you belong

to a labor union, your conditions will never improve.

Bro. Alley and gang are in Tucson rebuilding the town. We were sorry to lose the boys even for a short time. They are good, hard workers, and true blue. Bro. Jack Olmstead is home again.

The lighting companies are both working nine hours. It will come after awhile; I mean the \$3.00 and eight hours.

Hello, Nos. 151 and 77. How is everybody?

Will introduce the new P. S. next month.

A happy and prosperous New Year to all.

Fraternally,

M. B. DAVIDSON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 62.

Youngstown, O., Jan. 3, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Having been elected to the office, I will fill it to the best of my ability. If you will call around you will find 62 still doing business at the old stand. We had quite an interesting meeting last time we met, and we are sure there will be more the next night, as we are going to have a smoker, and if you are anyways near call in and see us and you will know the rest.

We had election of officers, and those elected are as follows:

Pres.—Bro. Branfetter.

V.-Pres.—Bro. Griffith.

F. S.—Bro. Hartman.

Insp.—Bros. Servis and McCabe.

Foreman—Bro. Morley.

Trus.—Bro. Jeffries.

Work has commenced on the Youngstown and New Castle street railway, Bro. Stanley Tallman and Bro. Sam Nye being foremen.

I am sorry to state that Bro. Sam Nye, while at work, had the misfortune to have his foot caught between the end of a tie and pole and was badly injured, which will lay him up for a month or so.

As this is my first attempt you will have to excuse me for not writing more, but will try and do better next time. I will now ring off, asking all to remember these two words when buying anything—union-made. I remain,

WARREN BOTT,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 73.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is with extreme pleasure I state to the brothers that the ball given by Local No. 73, of Spokane, on Thanksgiving Eve, at Elks' hall, was a rousing success from every standpoint—financially, socially, and in the neat arrangement of decorations. The main feature of the decorations was the American flag, the lamps of which were operated by a commutating drum driven by a small motor, causing waves to cross the flag at intervals. Bro. Davis was chairman of arrangement committee, and we cannot praise him too highly for his untiring efforts to make the ball a success. It was gratifying to note that the brothers of 73, with one or two exceptions, responded readily and worked like tigers on the electrical decorations and committee work, which resulted in our having 500 guests in attendance.

In looking over my last Worker I see that there is still an unsettled condition of Locals Nos. 3, 15 and 52. While it is not my intention to state any definite manner in which this should be settled, I will say that the sooner it is settled amicably to all concerned, the better it will be for the brotherhood at large. I do not mean that it should be settled in a hurry, without duly considering all the points that bear on the subject and what their effect will be in the near future. This little difference of opinion between these locals has a little twin brother (namely, compelling a brother from some other local to deposit \$25 for initiation fee), which some call bunco.

Let us see if it is bunco. We will say Local A wants to increase their scale of wages and lessen their hours of labor. They make a demand, are refused by the bosses, and a strike of 16 weeks ensues, after which Local A is victorious and gets all that they ask for. Now, if you will say 16 weeks very quick it don't sound very much; but say it slow, at \$3 per day—\$288.

During this time Local B is getting \$2.50 per day, nine hours work. A brother of Local B has been working steadily, apparently satisfied. Looking over the Worker he notes that Local A has been successful; thinks he (B) will quit and enjoy the

better conditions of A's territory, without any further effort than to pack his blankets and move. The brother of B is brought to a sudden halt by being requested to put up \$25. He cries "Bunco!" He is not willing to pay his little pro rata for the bettered conditions that have cost the brothers of A \$288 each.

While this is one version of this question, we must consider that it is not the fashion nowadays for the electrical workers to have \$25 stowed away in each seam of their jeans. It would not be unreasonable to ask him to pay a small amount per month till paid; that is, if the charge is to be a permanent fixture. Another thing to be considered is the examination: Local A, in return for the advance in wages and decrease in hours has agreed to guarantee the qualifications as a mechanic of all journeymen carrying a card. Is Local A in duty bound to endorse the card of the brother from B without an examination to see if he is qualified to install the class of work done by A?

Yours fraternally,

G. COLE,
Press Sec.**Local Union No. 75.**

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 1, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As it is time for another Worker I will try and get in a few lines. Frank Murphy, better known as Brick, of 174, called on us about a week ago on his way to parts unknown. Give him the glad hand if he comes your way. We also heard from Frank O'Connors, or Peerless, and are glad to know he is still on God's green earth.

We held our election last Tuesday night, and I think we elected a fine lot of officers except one—your humble servant. They are as follows:

Pres.—Jas. Maskel.

V.-Pres.—A. E. Clarke.

F. S.—C. E. Post.

R. S.—A. T. Diliert.

P. S.—B. L. Cushman.

Insp.—Fletcher Hughes.

Fore.—Frank Lamoruis.

Trus.—A. E. Clarke, W. Whightman, A. T. Diliert.

Bro. Diliert had the misfortune to have one of his stilts hurt about two weeks ago by getting between the butt of a large pole

and the wagon wheel, but he is getting along fine now and says he will be all O. K. in a few days.

We had three new lights burning in our little band of agitators last meeting, and expect to have as many more in our next. That is right, fellows, ginger up a little and take a handline out with you and see if you can't get a few more, for we need them.

We are glad to hear Stephen Almond has put his hooks on once more.

Good luck, Texas.

Our annual ball, which we gave Dec. 5th, was a grand success, both socially and financially, and we expect to give another before long.

No. 75 would like to hear from Ed Punderson.

Fraternally,

B. L. CUSHMAN.

Local Union No. 76.

Tacoma, Dec. 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

With permission of our P. S. I will try and fix it so you will be able to give 76 a larger space this time. I have read letters from other L. U.'s which take up nearly a page in the Worker, while 76 seldom has much to say.

Our press secretary asks the members each month if they have anything for the Worker, but gets no response. So, feeling guilty and having a few minutes to spare, will say something.

In the first place, let me refer back to our P. S.'s last letter. Excuse me if I differ with Bro. Sitton in regard to 76's growing. We are growing slow but sure; every new member we take in is that much to our credit, and every member who takes out a paid-up card is to the credit of 76 and impresses the bearer that he should seek the shelter of the fold wherever he goes. Right here is where I think is a good chance to say something in regard to an organizer; that is one thing we are in need of on the Pacific Coast. There are many towns which should be organized, and that would assure the boys of a home and friends wherever they go, if they have a paid-up card. If a floater strikes a job in a town where there is no local, he generally falls behind in his dues and gradually forgets there is an I. B. E. W. in existence, and it is like pulling teeth to get him in line again.

I would like to ask No. 6, or 151, why they do not get San Jose, Cal., in line. It has been about two and one half years since I was there and they were talking about organizing a local at that time, but I do not see as it has come to a head yet.

Hello! Bro. Simpson; how is Redwood City? I wish I was with you, so that I could get a little of the sunshine you have there. The sun shines here, but it is so high that the rays dissolve and it is all rain before it reaches the ground.

I have one more step to drive home and then I will hit the ground. The State Labor Congress for the State of Washington meets in Tacoma Jan. 15-16, 1902, and we hope to meet some of the brothers from the different locals of the State. It is expected to be a swell affair. Come early and avoid the rush. The Tacoma Trades Council expects to do things up brown.

Hello! Mooch; how is this? Let's close the circuit and go duck hunting.

Local 76 wishes the brothers a successful new year.

Fraternally yours, J. E. W.

Local Union No. 77.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

This letter will necessarily be very short from lack of time. I have been obliged to put this off from day to day until now; I dare not delay any longer, and I am due at a committee meeting forty minutes from now.

Local 77 has considerable business on hand just now; no grave difficulties which are likely to involve us in strike or anything of that nature, but just simply lots of hard work for the active ones. We are considering the proposition of dividing the local into a wiremen's and a linemen's local; pending our decision on the matter I will not express my own opinion in these columns.

At a special meeting last night we adopted a novel plan of securing the required raise in a brother's pay. The brother is called out on strike and receives strike benefit, but the other brothers remain at work and refuse to do the striking brother's work. The business agent gives the matter his special attention.

We are at a loss to understand why the

constitutional amendments which were to have been voted upon and returned to the G. S. by Dec. 10th have not yet reached us.

Bro. Editor, our fifth vice president was the victim of a fire last Wednesday night. He left the meeting in a hurry explaining the cause. Bro. Eaton and family are now living in one room and endeavoring to appreciate the amusing rather than the distressing side of the situation.

Our new examining board of seven members is getting into working shape. We have adopted a card system of examination—numbered questions being printed upon cards—a separate set of numbers for each branch of trade. The examinee numbers his answers the same as the question cards are numbered. The record of examinations is kept in a record book by the use of the numbers only. We shall be glad to explain this method more fully to any local so desiring.

With our own heavy expenses and our \$1 per month per member benefit to the striking machinists, we have depleted our treasury almost to the zero point. But for all that, with an empty treasury we have voted \$500 worth of stock in the new Labor temple under erection in this city. This is a grand undertaking for organized labor and No. 77 proposes to be in on the ground floor in the building of this monument to the integrity and honor of its cause.

Fraternally yours,

BENJ. W. SMITH.

P. S. I desire to call the editor's attention to the fact that in my last letter he mistook the word drum for dynamo. The alteration destroyed the sense of my meaning.

B. W. S.

Local Union No. 79.

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Our local's address is changed from Listman's to Myers' Hall, corner East Genesee and Montgomery streets, and we meet on the first and third Mondays. Hope the tardy members will see this, put it down in their memories and get around to the meetings.

We have elected new officers, and I think they are hustlers; I hope so, anyway. They are as follows:

Pres.—Sam Young.

Vice-Pres.—John Keairn.

Rec. Sec.—V. S. Whitney.

Fin. Sec.—John Walsh.

Treas.—Chas. Brand.

Trustees—John Hayes, James Roberts, Wm. Riely.

Inspectors—Ed. Gyatt, A. M. Davis.

Foreman—James E. Toole.

Yes, it was a smoker, Bros. Cog and Happy.

Fraternally yours,

V. S. WHITNEY,

Press Secy.

Local Union No. 83.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 1, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Our P. S. has been out of town for some time and consequently our local was not represented in the December Worker.

Our open meetings have put us back with the election of officers, so his place has not been legally filled, but as I was the only nominee for P. S., I will take the liberty to represent the local unofficially so as to get the letter in by the 5th.

There is not much news from Milwaukee this month. Work is slack at present. The Northwestern Tel. & Tel. Co. is reported to have obtained a franchise in this city to begin work in the spring, but nothing is definitely known yet. We will try hard to make it a union job, if it goes ahead.

There is some inside wiring, but plenty of men to meet the demand. The inside wiremen are poorly organized at present, but will soon pick up, I think, for the contractors are beginning to see where it pays them to hire union men and thus be sure of good, honest work. Several of the contractors doing inside work have stated personally that they are willing to pay the scale and hire only union men to do the work if the men would organize firmly enough to supply the demand for wiremen with union men, and control all jobs.

The Julius Andraé & Sons Co., who have been slated as opposing unionism, have been hiring every inside man who presented a union card and kept them when the others were laid off, and they are paying them better wages than they did the non-union men whom they let go. And I want to say, brothers, everywhere, it is the duty of all union men to see to it that

under all circumstances you give your employer a good fair return for his money. I don't mean you should tear your shirt or take two words of any man if you think him unjust. Any good union man will throw down his tools without a second thought if he thinks his employer is unfair in the use of words or in demands; that is the way to make them respect you, but if you want them to respect you in the first place show them the difference between men who hold their union card as an honor and the man who thinks so little of himself, his pride and character that he does not help support the organization that is the most benefit to his pocket, his home, his independence as a citizen, by doing on all occasions as your conscience tells you is fair and just. Let the men who have the capital in their hands realize that it is the man with a card who is the cheapest man for him to send out on a job, though he has to pay him double the price of the man who has no card to show for his competency.

Bro. Charles Smith has been seriously ill, but is recovering.

Boots Miller, why don't you come up and help us carry the lodge? Where is Ben O'Brien? We are forgetting what you look like. We need your help. Agness Louis must be away visiting. We haven't seen him for three or four weeks. Whom would you blame, boys, if a few more of us took a notion to let our duty slide for a few meetings and our charter went back to headquarters?

All right, Chi., stick her out, don't give up the ship. I believe it would be far better to vote a tax of two dollars per week on each local, not in trouble itself, for the support of the strikers rather than let old Sabin get the chance to say, "Come off, you fellows, what's your union good for anyway; it never won anything yet." Now, boys of Chi., stick her out.

Fraternally yours,

LOUIS MCCRARY.

Local Union No. 89.

Akron, O., Dec. 23, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It becomes my duty to write to the Worker for 89. I fear they have got a poor stick for P. S., but will do my best.

We have had but two regular meetings since our strike was called off, as some of the brothers have been slow in getting around.

The C. U. Tel. Co. has let all the union boys out with the exception of one. We had our election last Thursday night and Bros. Chas. Ellis and Geo. Swartz, who are working at present in Canton, were with us.

We are in hopes things will be better here in a short time. Work is not very good just now. I have been working at whatever I can catch. Most of the boys are working, some out of town and some for the A. P. Tel. Co. in this place.

The brothers of 89, when sending dues, will please send postal order. I wish you all a happy new year.

Bro. George Corson, I would like to hear from you.

Ben Watson, where have you strayed? Bro. Carlton, drop in when you come down this way.

I hope the brothers of 89 who are traveling will drop us a line, as we are interested in all.

We feel very grateful to the I. B. E. W. for the encouragement and help we received from the brotherhood during our grievance. Although we lost, we are yet alive and expect to live always.

If you will all bear with and help me out this time, with your help I will try to do better next.

Hoping to have the good wishes of all brothers and sister locals, we remain as ever, true blue.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. M. KIRKPATRICK,
Press Sec.

Jan. 3, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local 89 has finally elected officers for the new term:

Pres.—Geo. Burgoone.

Vice-Pres.—Sam Landis.

Rec. Sec.—Frank Swinehart.

Fin. Sec.—Fred Bien.

Last night was meeting night. Things are traveling smooth now. We hope to be traveling in as good shape financially soon as we were before the strike. The C. U. Tel. Co. has let all linemen except three scabs go.

The Akron People's Tel. Co. has about

eight union linemen working for them, I believe. One scab working for the People's Co. got his toes broken some time ago. I hope more will follow.

Ed Kinney, Fred Keaver and one visiting brother, whose name I cannot think of, were with us last night. Come when you can; you are always welcome at 89.

GEO. M. KIRKPATRICK,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 90.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 7, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Some men have a habit at the first of the year of making resolutions and breaking them before the breath in which they were made gets cold, and this scribe is not an exception to those referred to, but the temptations to disregard the pleading of nature were so great that no man of ordinary will power could resist them, and because of Frank's weakness in that respect thousands of electrical workers will be deprived of news of any interest from Local No. 90 of New Haven, Conn.

Municipal ownership of the water supply of the city is engaging the attention of the people at present. Never before have the advantages of public ownership of water, electric light and gas plants been presented to the tax-payers as it was at the public hearing given by the water committee in the councilmen's chamber Dec. 20th and 27th. The Trades Council, representing twenty-five labor unions, adjourned its meeting and marched to the hall in a body and a number of the delegates spoke on the subject, to show how the workingmen would be benefited by the city owning its own water supply.

Local Union No. 90 gave its second annual ball on Dec. 12th in Warner Hall, which was a great success socially if not financially.

The electrical display was marvelous, many of the set pieces used in the display during the Yale Bicentennial being procured by the committee, and they were well adapted for the occasion.

The local will give a smoker on Saturday, Jan. 18, to which the brothers of Locals 11, 37 and 146 will be invited; also all electrical workers in the city who are not yet under the protecting hand of the union.

The committee having charge of arrangements is making every effort to make it a success, and hopes it will be the means of increasing the membership of the union.

Bros. Tanner and McLoughlin, who were in the hospital for five months, are improving slowly, but remain cheerful and hopeful of being able to leave there soon.

Work in this section remains good. Every brother is working and places could be found for any good linemen who can produce the green goods. The Western Union Tel. Co. gave most all their groundmen an Xmas present in the form of an honorable discharge paper. The Telephone Co. is hiring every good man they can get at \$2.50 for nine hours.

Hello, No. 88; did you see two brothers from No. 90 down there about Dec. 1st, 1901? They say the sunny south was awful dark while they were there. The only good feature about it was the good footpaths along the railroads. O yes, they say your colored sisters waiting on table in the restaurants are very neat. They were so much struck on their shape they are back in the north again.

Local No. 90 elected the following brothers to office for the coming six months:

Pres.—S. Johnson.

Vice-Pres. and Treas.—Michael Reynolds.

Rec. Sec.—Patrick Moran.

Fin. Sec.—W. J. Dobbs.

Inspectors—James Bohan, Robert Orr.

Foreman—Michael Whalen.

Trustee—Daniel Doherty.

Press Sec.—F. J. Horan.

They ask the support and co-operation of all the brothers. That they are deserving of your confidence was shown at the election by your unanimity, but your duty did not end there.

We want you to attend the meetings more regularly and take the same interest in the local that they do. They do not question your loyalty to the union, but at the same time it is very discouraging to be addressing one's remarks to vacant seats in the hall.

Wishing the brotherhood a prosperous new year, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

F. J. HORAN,
Press Sec.

P. S.—Any brothers living in cities or towns that own their own electric, gas or water plants, will do the undersigned a favor by giving the following information: Cost of street arc lamps per year, cost of incandescent lamps in stores per hundred, cost of gas per 1,000 feet.

Address F. J. HORAN.

Local Union No. 91.

Easton, Pa., Jan. 6, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I will write a few lines to let the brothers know how we are getting along. Last month we took in seven new members and all had a fine time giving them their royal bumps. At our last meeting we installed the following new officers:

Pres.—S. L. Richmond.

Vice-Pres.—Pat Lee.

Rec. Sec.—T. Martin.

Fin. Sec.—Bro. Pierce.

Treas.—H. F. Schaffer.

Press Sec.—A. Campbell.

Foreman—T. Grant.

Inspectors—Frank Ledger and Charles Kemmerer.

Trustees—Pat Lee, James Moses and John Edwards.

Should these lines reach any one who knows the whereabouts of a man by the name of M. S. Wheeler, occupation line-man, his son F. B. Wheeler would be glad to hear from him. Any information will be thankfully received by Local Union No. 91.

Should this letter be read by Chas. Grow, 91 would like to hear from you.

Bro. Moses, foreman for the Yellow Kid, and his gang were laid off a few days ago.

The Penn. Tel. Co. is doing quite a bit of work in Easton at present. If any brothers come this way do not forget to bring a paid up card with you.

Bro. Pat. Treacy is quite a ladies' man. On New Years some of the boys in Easton got too much red lemonade and made a little trouble in the hotel. The landlord told them they would have to get another boarding house. The young ladies in the kitchen told the landlord that if he made Pat. move they would move, too, so Pat. stayed.

As it is getting late I think I will ring off for this time.

Yours as a brother,

A. CAMPBELL,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 92.

Hornellsville, N. Y., Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Here goes 92 in on the line again. The new officers elected for the first half of 1902 are:

Pres.—C. W. Kelly.

V.-Pres.—J. Ploss.

R. S.—C. A. Smith.

F. S.—D. D. Smith.

Treas.—B. S. Watt.

Insp.—W. French.

Bro. W. O. Lane, who was one of the gang which built the Opposition exchange in this city, and who is at present working for the Crawford Co. Tel. Co. at Towanda, Pa., was with us at our last meeting and reports everything moving nicely in and around Towanda.

By the way, any brother who happens to meet Supt. S. C. Thayer, of the Crawford Co. Tel. Co., will be used right, as Supt. Thayer is a good friend to a man with a paid-up card. None others need apply.

Bro. W. Sweeney, while banding cable in Wellsville, lost his grip while changing on a pole and took a fall of 45 feet, going through a wooden awning, which broke the force of what would probably have been a fatal fall. Bro. Sweeney is doing nicely at present, and, as the doctors were unable to find any broken bones, they look for a speedy recovery.

Bro. Babe Harrison sends his regards to Bro. Ed Marion.

The A. T. & A. Co. have an agent in this section looking for men to go to Cuba at \$75 a month and expenses, on a two-years contract. A few of our brothers have signed with them and expect to leave in a short time.

Bro. Ed Leahy was in town during the holidays.

Well, brudders, id is lade py de glock so I vill glose me dis ledder oap und got me mit my leedle basket in und schleep a fiew.

Fraternally yours,

C. A. SMITH.

Local Union No. 94.

San Diego, Cal., Jan 3, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I will write you a few lines and let the outside world know that 94 is still alive. We still manage to hold a meeting when

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it comes time, but have a hard time to get our little seven. We have a string tied on them all, and when it comes Thursday night we pull the string and secure those attached. The string don't break and they get up all right. Boys, try and get up once in a year anyway.

What is the matter with you 61? I have not seen anything in the Worker from you for a long time. One of the brothers here wants to know if electricity will run up hill. I don't know whether he has found out or not?

Bro. J. A. W. Jones, where are you? Let us hear from you.

We are going to have a smoker here at our rooms next meeting and hope to have a good time for it will be the first one for Grip.

There are a few inside wiremen in town and we hope to get them in the local soon, but are having a hard time.

Our worthy vice-president, George Stewart, tried to run over a street car with his bike and bent up the frame.

No matter where you go you can see our president with his new safety belt and when you see him coming you want to get off the side walk for if you don't he will talk the arm off of you, telling you all about it.

The Electric Light Co. is going to do a lot of work soon, but cannot say when at present.

Bro. Winfield of Los Angeles, I would like to hear from you.

Our goat is laid up for a while. Bro. Geysi, by accident, fed him a tin can without the blue label on, and he got sick, but the brother paid the doctor's bill and was not fired.

I must close, hoping to do better next time.

T. M. MARSHALL,
(The Giant),
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 96.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 2, 1902

Editor Electrical Worker:

We had an election of officers last Monday night and elected Bro. R. W. Rollins Press Sec. I suppose we will hear from him, as he has never held that office before. We have got to get some new members if we elect any more P. S.'s, as we

have been about through the membership with that office, but we never hear from them after being elected, and it is even worse than that with the delegates to the B. T. C. and C. L. U. We have not had a delegate to the B. T. C. for four weeks, although we appoint one or two new ones about every week for three months. We are still paying dues, and that is about all it amounts to. If this local ever amounts to anything the members must take more interest in it. A large number of the members say, "Well, what use is it to go to the meetings? There is hardly anyone there, and they don't do anything." And it is about so. We have been waiting for two years for better attendance.

Our delegates to the B. T. C. report that there is nothing doing by that body to interest us. All labor meetings should interest us, and surely all those engaged in the building trades should.

Business in the inside wiring line in this city has dropped away off, but most of the members have work a good part of the time and several have to work about every Monday night, but with all this working extra time they manage to keep about three months in arrears. We have some who think that 60 cents a month is a heavy tax, but these same ones will spend several times that amount a week to help the saloon keeper pay his rent, and make no complaint.

We have very few linemen in this local since the telephone strike last May, and I think 104 has lost some members, as we seldom see anything in the Worker from them, but hope they will revive.

Last night at the meeting of the B. T. C. an order was passed that the business agent of that body should order any union men off any job where any non-union men were employed. Nearly every electrical contractor has some non-union men, and with business the way it is at present I think it will give the non-union men work and throw some of the union men out. I believe such an order would be a good thing at the proper time, but think this is not the time, with the condition of our local and some of the other trades. If our three delegates, or even two of them, had been there and voted against it it would not have passed. The business agent talked

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and voted against it, for he knows the condition of the different locals.

I see by our grand president's letter that the executive board were assigned their districts. G. T. F. J. Sheehan's district reaches east as far as New York, but not one of the New England States is covered by anyone, and there has been no attempt to organize any local in this part of the country for over two years, with the exception of one or two in Connecticut, and these were within walking distance of G. T. Sheehan, and I think Bro. Bradford, of 104, got one or two, but New Bedford soon died. At the time of the strike of the N. E. T. Co. last May the company had no trouble in finding men to take their places, and did not have to go outside of N. E., and got men who never heard of the brotherhood of electrical workers. The result is, that where we had nearly every lineman of the N. E. T. Co. in Worcester, there is not one to-day, and many of our ex-members are working for that company. Others had to seek employment in other places. One year ago we had 100 members and to-day have about 40. Not all of the 60 are lost, for many of the inside wiremen have left Worcester and gone to other locals.

Every trade in Worcester is fast coming into the different organizations. The dry goods and boot and shoe clerks have succeeded in closing all stores every night except Saturday at six o'clock, and about all markets and grocers at seven. They have only been organized a few weeks, but they did not do it by staying at home; they had to get out and hustle.

There has been some little effort made to increase our membership the past few weeks. We have even talked of holding an open meeting, but we are afraid we could not get more than two or three of our members to attend it. We wrote to Bro. Joyce, of 103, asking what night of the week would be best for him to come up, but got no reply, so we suppose he did not get our letter. I wrote and posted it myself.

The Consolidated St. R. R. has about four or five men and ten or fifteen boys winding armatures, and a few men wiring cars. They have been whispered to in regard to joining this local, but the boss was likely to be around any time and they could

not talk about it. One said he would come in if the rest did. I think the boss does not think well of union men, for he has not forgotten the time when he had to sleep and eat in the car stable in Summerville many years ago, during the strike of the horse-car men in Boston.

Our election did not come out in the way I was in hopes it would. We elected the same president we have had for ten years, and about all the other officers are the same.

Pres.—S. A. Strout.

V.-Pres.—J. McCarthy.

F. S.—A. J. Pembleton.

Treas.—E. B. Sanger.

R. S.—W. Fred Heath.

P. S.—R. W. Rollins.

Insp.—C. E. Green and T. C. Warren.

We have a punching bag in the room and Bro. Heath is at it about all the time, day and night. We will have a set of boxing gloves next week, and have already got several matches on. Jan. 16, Bro. Geo. Hall and Dan J. McCarthy have a twenty-round go, and the next week A. J. Pembleton and C. E. Green have fifteen rounds.

We added one new light last Monday night, have one for next, and two more applications, all inside men. About a month ago we got our long-talked-of blackboard, and it is very handy in our electrical discussions.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. A. R. McPhee is able to sit up and hold an argument with the other members of the family after a sickness of several months. He is at home at Cape Breton, N. S.

I want to leave a little space in the Worker for Bro. Rollins, so will just say, boys, don't be afraid to come up, even if you do owe a few months' dues. Come up and pay and then you won't owe any. The room is open at all times to those that have keys. Success to the brotherhood. A.

Local Union No. 98.

Philadelphia, Dec. 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

After six months of anxious waiting I am at last able to announce the decision arrived at by Judge McCarthy in the Court of Common Pleas, No. 3, in this city, regarding the case of Erdman et al. vs. C. A. B. T., asking that an injunction be granted the C. A. B. T. from striking, etc., on

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any job on which the plaintiffs may be employed, etc.

The learned judge in handing down his decision, followed the precedent established by other judges throughout the country, and granted an injunction restraining the C. A. B. T., its officers, committees, servants, etc., from interfering, combining, conspiring or attempting to do so, or interfere with the employment of the plaintiffs by representing or causing to be represented, implying or causing to be implied, to any person or persons or employee or employees of plaintiffs', that such employer or employers may sustain loss, by threats or intimidation, or otherwise.

This also to apply to any employer or employers who may in the future desire to employ the plaintiffs.

The attorney for the plaintiffs contended that the C. A. B. T. is a confederacy having no lawful aim, which is willfully oppressing individuals who are engaged in peaceful and legitimate employment.

The Council is now considering whether to carry the case to a higher court or not. Opinion on the advisability of such action is divided, as it would probably be a waste of good money, as the Supreme Court would no doubt sustain the decision of the lower court.

A movement which will bear more fruit is that about to be made by the Council. That is, taking an active part in politics; recognizing no party, but endorsing the candidacy of men who are favorable to trade unionism, and elect them, if possible, no matter to what party they may belong.

Speaking of politics reminds me that we are to have an election on the last meeting night of this month to fill the various offices in the local. There are plenty of good men nominated and it is up to the brothers to elect the men who will serve the interests of the local best, and not themselves. The present officers are and have been as good as could be gotten together anywhere. When I say this I speak of them collectively, not as individuals, and I hope that no brother will think I am trying to blow my own horn, for there is no one I despise more than a man who does not let an opportunity escape to tell you how good he is. Brothers, when you

find a man like this, watch him; he is dangerous.

When our delegates returned from St. Louis Bro. Andres informed me that he had photographed the entire delegation in front of the City Hall, and the grand executive board in front of their hotel. In looking over last month's Worker I beheld the said photographs, but no mention is made of the brother who took them. Instead, the credit is given to Bro. Coulinan. I hope that Bro. Sherman will straighten out this matter and give the credit to whom it belongs.

In my last letter I assumed that the convention had changed headquarters to Washington. I was mistaken; but hope the remarks will hold good after the referendum vote has been counted.

The United Association of Gas, Steam and Hot-Water Fitters have again laid claim to the right to lay electrical conduit. It is now up to us to make the fight of our lives to retain our right to run conduit, for if we lose it will only be a short time before other trades will step in and claim other branches of our work. Some brothers are inclined to think the fight will not amount to anything, and that if it does they (the brothers) will keep on running pipe anyhow. Well, maybe they will, but I doubt it.

Traveling brothers who fear the dangers of small pox had better give Philadelphia a wide berth, as the disease is epidemic in this city just now. I have not heard of any cases where the disease has broken out in an electrical worker's family, but it is well to keep your cut-out fused, as you can't tell how soon it may strike you.

President Roosevelt's message to Congress is a source of gratification to union men in general in Philadelphia, at least so far as it deals with the problem of labor and Chinese exclusion. Of course it is to be expected that our brethren who lean to Socialism will belittle it as much as they can, but that will not cut much ice. The record of our president while he has been in public life speaks for itself.

An ordinance was presented to select and common councils of this city some months ago, by the council of the A. B. T., to provide for the payment of the prevailing rate of wages paid to organized labor by the

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city and by all contractors on municipal work. Select council, through the efforts of Select Councilman Jas. McNichol, took the ordinance in hand and consulted the city solicitor, who informed them that the ordinance to be effective must have a penalty clause attached. This was done and select council passed the measure and sent it to common council for their approval. The lower branch on last Thursday concurred in the action of select council, and the ordinance needs but the mayor's signature to make it a law. This will probably be obtained before the week is out.

The electrical construction business in this city at present is dull, and those brothers who are fortunate enough to be at work are holding their jobs down and are thinking twice before changing jobs, so I would not advise any brother to come here looking for work, for we will not put any traveling brother to work while some of our own brothers are out. I hope no one will take offense at this, but accept it in the spirit in which it is written.

JAMES S. MEADE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 99.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As our newly elected press secretary forgot to be present at the meeting to be installed and as our former efficient representative has been unable to attend of late on account of sickness in his family, I began to fear that we might not have a letter in this month's Worker. That is my excuse for writing this letter.

L. U. 99 has been making great strides in organizing the inside wiremen of this section of late, but the linemen do not seem to take hold of the matter in the spirit they should. What men we have among the pole climbers are tried and true disciples of unionism, but what about those outside the fold? Why do not they come in and help the cause along? Is there any reason why the linemen should not take as much interest in the movement to shorten hours and increase wages as the inside men? In my belief there is not a more overworked, underpaid class of men in our midst than those same linemen. Can it be that the matter has not been placed before them in the proper light? If this be so,

brother workers, try a new tack, advance new arguments, try new persuasives, and see if we cannot have as many linemen as insidemen in Local 99, the banner local in New England.

The inside wiremen have placed before the contractors of this city an agreement which we desire them to sign, and which they will undoubtedly agree to during the coming week. We believe that we have taken a great stride forward in the line of bringing employer and employee into closer relations in setting the scale of wages and hours. We feel that we have pursued a course in this matter which is the only proper one. The matter of an agreement was left to a committee, who, after they had given the matter their earnest consideration, brought before the local an agreement which the local voted unanimously to accept. The committee was given power to take such action as seemed best to them to secure the signatures of the contractors to this agreement. Accordingly the committee mailed to each contractor in the city a copy of the agreement with a personal letter to the contractor requesting him to grant a personal interview to the committee. After several of the contractors had signified their willingness to sign the agreement if it was modified to a certain extent, a meeting was called of all the contractors and the committee. This meeting was held in one of the contractor's offices and the matter of the agreement was very harmoniously discussed by the contractors and the committee from the union. Out of twenty-eight legitimate electrical contractors in the city, twenty-five firms were represented at this conference. Not one single event occurred to disturb the harmony of the meeting, and after four hours had been spent in a very pleasant discussion of the articles of the agreement, the meeting adjourned until after the contractors had formed an association. It can safely be said that the feeling of friendship between employer and employee was greatly strengthened by this conference. Not only this, but many new members have been brought into No. 99 as the direct result of this meeting. In one shop in particular, employing ten men, only one was a member of No. 99 before this conference

and to-day there is not a man employed in that shop who is not a union man. In one other shop, which has a branch office in another city in the state, all of the men employed in the shop in this city were members, and we have received the application of every man employed in the other shop. Thus without a strike, that great enemy of organized labor, we have been able to thoroughly organize the craft in this city, and fully 97 per cent. of the inside wiremen are members of No. 99.

L. U. 99 held its first annual ball in Labor Temple on New Year's eve and it proved a grand success. About 150 couples took part in the grand march, which was led by our president and Mrs. A. W. Seavey. As the hall or the building in which it is situated has no electric lights, we were unable to have any electrical display, but if nothing happens we propose to have a grand Easter bazaar and illumination, as many of our friends have requested us to do something in this line. Three members of L. U. No. 3 were present at our ball and we were much pleased to see brothers from that local, for no matter how much No. 99 may differ from No. 3 in matters of admitting traveling brothers, we always try to have a kindly word and a welcome for any brother of our order whenever he may find himself on our territory.

Our worthy president for the last term, Bro. Wm. E. Sedgley, has left us and gone to seek new friends in the State of Brotherly Love. Brothers, if you chance to meet Bro. Sedgley give him the glad hand and admit him to your heart, as he is a tried and true union man, and was the best president No. 99 has ever had. No. 99 has lost a true blue member in Bro. Sedgley and shall always remember him as a mighty worker in the cause of organized labor. Whatever local receives his card will gain an earnest, honest, loyal member and one that can be depended upon to fill any post in the local with credit to the union and honor to himself.

At our meeting last evening the following officers were installed for the ensuing term:

Pres.—S. E. Sanborn.

Vice-Pres.—D. A. Murphy.

Rec. Sec.—R. A. Ripley.

Fin. Sec.—W. L. Kinnecone.

Treas.—A. P. Barry.

Inspts.—Rod. McDonald, J. H. Mitchell.

Foreman—Angus Smith.

Guard—Joseph W. Bristow.

Trustees—Geo. F. Jenks, John J. Barry, Chas. E. Bardsley.

We feel that L. U. 99 will get along very nicely with this set of officers for the coming six months.

Bros. Boyce, Carpenter and Barrett were appointed as a standing investigating committee on insidemen, and Bros. Spellman, Grant and Riley on linemen. Bros. Sanborn, Ripley, Murphy, J. H. Townsend, Barrett, Anderson and Maclean were elected delegates to the R. I. Central Trades and Labor Union, and Bros. Sanborn, Townsend and Murphy delegates to the N. E. conference of the I. B. E. W., which will be held in Providence, Jan. 12, 1902. We expect great results from this conference and from the open meeting which will be held on the evening of Jan. 11, 1902. No. 99 is going to try and increase her membership to 300 by the aid of the open meeting.

Bro. Cleary, of No. 52, do you notice any new names among the list of officers which are familiar to you and which you are surprised to see in No. 99? You would hardly know the local on meeting nights now, and we hope to see your smiling countenance in our hall again some day.

Business is rather dull here at present and some of the boys are taking a vacation, but we hope it will not last long. Up to Christmas we had plenty of work.

Bro. Budd, late of Butte City, has strayed into our pasture and we kindly took him into our fold. Bros. Tecktonius and Joe McDonald have not been seen around the hall lately, cause thereof being their duties as fathers of new-born wailers, which we shrewdly suspect keep them floor walking during the "wee sma' hours." Bro. P. J. Duggan, please communicate with this local, as we have never received your card back and do not know where to place you.

Organized labor in this city is making wonderful progress and we hope before spring to have this city thoroughly organized, especially in the building trades lines. We hope in the spring to make a

general movement for eight hours and the only thing now in our way in the building trades is the demoralized condition of the carpenters, but we hope to solve the problem in this line.

Keep your eye on No. 99 if you want to see a thriving organization.

Yours fraternally,
S. E. SANBORN, Pres.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 3, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

While I am not the letter writer of No. 99, yet it becomes my duty under instructions to send to the Worker the following. Being one of the charitable kind and not believing in a resort to harsh measures except where patience has ceased to be a virtue, I would first of all criticise No. 52, of Newark, N. J., on the ground of lack of courtesy, which is certainly a cheap but at the same time a valuable commodity. This is called up by the letter of No. 52 in December Worker on page 27, where it refers to one of No. 99's brothers scabbing on No. 52. If the R. S. of No. 52 had done his duty he should have written to us, when perhaps the matter could have been adjusted without advertising a brother of No. 99.

Early in December, 1901, we received a letter from the R. S. of No. 52 saying that a certain brother of No. 99 was working in an unfair shop and asking that we take action at once. At our next meeting, which was within two or three days, our local took action and I was instructed by vote to notify the brother in question to leave the unfair shop in which he was at work, and allowing him until the 12th day of December, 1901, to comply with the request. I also wrote to the R. S. of No. 52 at the same time, notifying him of our action and asking him to kindly write to us on the 13th day of December as to how our request had been complied with, but as yet we have not received an answer from either party. We naturally inferred that the brother did not comply with our request, and now comes the unpleasant part of my duty. The brother above referred to was, while with us, one of our best union workers, but from the information received from No. 52 and his neglect in not answering our letter, it was voted at our last meeting to declare Orlando W. Golding a

scab and that he be so published in the columns of the Worker. It was also voted at the same meeting to declare George Alford a scab, he having worked for some time in a shop that was at the time on the unfair list, knowing the same to be the case. Both of these brothers have been expelled from Local 99, and we sincerely hope never again to be obliged to take similar action. Yours fraternally,

R. A. RIPLEY, R. S.

Local Union No. 102.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 28, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I am now called upon to write you a few lines, which is a somewhat harder task than stringing circuits for me, but I can inform you that at our last meeting we had an election of officers, the following being chosen:

Pres.—C. J. Clancy.
Vice-Pres.—F. Holmes.
Rec. Sec.—Wm. McDonald.
Fin. Sec.—Jos. Zimmerman.
Treas.—J. F. Colvin.
Insp.—J. Patmos, Pat Connolly.
Press Sec.—Wm. Mead.
Fore.—Wm. MacFarland.
Trus.—A. Bennett, Jas. Carpenter.

This is a very good season for our local, initiating one last meeting and receiving ten more applications for enlistment in our ranks, for it seems to have awakened a few more to their senses. Beginning Jan. 1st the initiation fee is to be \$10, so hustle and jump in quick or fork over.

Our meeting nights are now changed from the 2d and 4th Tuesdays to the 2d and 4th Mondays of each month. Brothers, don't forget the change in date. My lights are getting dim so I think I had better quit.

V. GRAGLIA.

Local Union No. 104.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 7, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Will you please put a letter in the Worker for 104? The clamor of the bells and blast of the whistle, ringing the old year out and the new year in, woke us up; but the date didn't jar our P. S. So along with other duties I take this means of having our local heard from. We are still doing business at the old stand and our meetings

are well attended with workers for the union and craft. All our members are working and some of the companies wanting good union men. By our recent refusal to work for the old price some of the companies have increased their lineman's pay, and the boys appreciate it in every way. It will be found that both the employer and employee will be benefited. There are ex-members of our local who got discouraged because our last and only strike was not a howling success and lost interest in the organization and apparently in themselves. Each should remember that they are working for the same fifty cents a day less and same two hours too many they wanted taken off last May. Each of them should have a paid-up card in his pocket; and associate with those of their craft who know of the only means of attaining that which justly belongs to them, where the senior partner should receive as much as the junior partner in this large firm of labor and capital. Boys, decide now, for our individual effort amounts to naught. It's the many who can help the few.

We had our annual ball Nov. 25th. It was largely attended by members and friends, best of all it was a success. The night was fine, but it rained the previous night and some of the lads got their feet wet, I presume. We especially ask them not to be sick more than a week. Those who didn't assist should not expect to receive. Perhaps they think the sick fund is self-sustaining, but our treasurer knows different.

We are building up again and expect Local 104 will have influence to shorten the hours of labor and also increase the pay of the wire-fixers of Boston and vicinity in the future as well as in the past, but it looks to the members of 104 as if the electrical workers east of New York State have to depend upon their own efforts in order to be represented in the I. B. E. W. By our Grand President's report in the Dec. journal grand officers were appointed to look after the interests and the betterment of the conditions of the territory over which the banner of the I. B. E. W. flies, except New England.

We hope some day that the E. B. will deem it advisable to have representation

in the Eastern States, some of which, perhaps, never have heard of the I. B. E. W., particularly its headquarters. If an organizer should land in Maine, New Hampshire or Vermont, he should have his automobile to carry him over the vast territory where such missionary work is required.

Our election of officers resulted as follows:

Pres.—Michael Birmingham.

Vice-Pres.—Maurice J. Sheehan.

Treas.—Daniel MacDonald.

Inspectors—L. MacDonald, J. J. Logue.

P. S.—L. MacLeod.

Trustee.—Geo. MacDonald.

Foreman—James Tenner.

R. S.—John A. McInnis.

I will guarantee they will all answer roll call every Wednesday night. Success to our grand cause.

LEOD MACLEOD,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 106.

Jamestown, N. Y., Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I have been elected scribe for Local 106 and will make an attempt at it. No. 106 is still on top and am happy to say the boys are waking up. It seems good to go up to the hall and see so many there, nearly every chair filled, so I say let the good work go on. There are a few of the boys who do not take any interest and are very seldom seen there, and I do not think they have any excuse whatever, nothing but pure carelessness.

Bro. Tom Crowe had the misfortune to fall about 25 feet to the pavement, breaking his leg just above the ankle. He is very much improved and it is reported that when Bro. Crowe is able to get out again that there will be another chapter in the case.

Bro. Hall of 56 was up to see us and if anybody says Bro. Hall is not all right just ask some of the boys. We only hope he will stay with us.

Bro. Joe Diamond was introduced into the mysteries of the I. B. and I think he can tell you that it was done up proper. At our last meeting we received one application for membership.

The Home Telephone Co. has commenced to set poles and do the underground work. Not much work for the

boys who carry cards yet, but it will not be long, and I understand that you will have to have that little card before you start, so boys, when you come, all with clean cards will be received with glad hands and those without with an application blank, and if not filled out you can guess the rest.

After the new officers were installed we enjoyed a smoker and had a general good time. We have a good set of officers, and I think they will watch over our local with a good will. They are as follows:

Pres.—A. H. Shean.
V. P.—John Hanson.
R. S.—F. S. Tiffany.
F. S.—W. J. Torrey.
Inspector—M. Daniels.
Foreman—W. Daniels.
Trustee—J. W. Woodburn.
Treas.—J. W. Cole.
P. S.—K. W. Spencer.

As this is my first attempt, will close wishing you and all locals success for the new year.

Fraternally yours,
K. W. S.,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 109.

Rock Island, Ill., Jan. 2, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

A happy New Year to all electrical workers. The new year finds most of the boys working, although a few are idle. We have here an ex-member who once made his brags that "nobody could work for him without he bought a card." This same man became financially embarrassed while he belonged to 109, then we made him square up and he dropped out, but said that he would still employ union men. His record don't jibe with his words, as anything that can get up a pole is good enough for him now.

No. 109 gave a grand ball in Davenport on the 19th of December, which was a decided success, and will give another before many moons.

At our last meeting the following officers were elected:

Pres.—Ed. Love.
Vice-Pres.—N. Terrel.
Fin. Sec.—Jas. Dollner.
Rec. Sec.—H. S. Mickey.
Treas.—Joe Linsley.
Foreman—F. W. Simpson.

First Inspector—F. J. Garwood.

Second Inspector—Swan Lavine.

Trustees—F. J. Garwood and George Weatherly.

I will just say, that with true Love at the head of our local we will get along fine. Of course you understand I am not going to tell that he just got married this fall.

As I am a great hand to use snuff, I will stop and take a pinch. A floater told me No. 22 was dead, so I went to our journal to look it up. Not a letter could I find from No. 22 since July, but in the Directory I found her, and I made up my mind if one officer was a second-hand sheeny it is hard to tell what business the rest of the officers are engaged in, and perhaps they are too busy to write. This is all for the present, so I will take another pinch of

Respectfully,
SNUFF, Press Sec.

Rock Island, Jan. 7, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

We have just installed a brand new set of officers and are going to do business on business principles, so if any wandering brother comes this way be sure you bring your card or its no go.

Work is a little slack here. The C. U. Telephone Co. is doing some work in Davenport. All the boys with paid-up catds are working.

Our first annual ball was held on Dec. 19th and we came out \$11 ahead. No. 109 will give a smoker in the near future, date not yet decided on or I would give you an invitation.

All members of 109 who are out of the city will receive their Workers by sending me their addresses.

W. D. SPENCER.

Local Union No. 111.

Honolulu, Dec. 15, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I was very much surprised to read the decision of the Credential Committee of the I. C., wherein they recommended the rejection of the proxy held by Bro. Davidson of 65 from this L. U., together with other proxies, on account of their being unconstitutional. By referring to Art. 18, sec. 7, of our Constitution, you will find what appears to me to be ample provision for the giving of the proxy in our case.

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The above section says: "Distant unions with less than fifty members may club together and send a delegate to represent them, but he must be a member of one of the unions so clubbing, and no delegate shall be allowed to represent more than three unions by proxy. He must have credentials from each of the unions he represents."

I am of the opinion that we complied with all of these conditions, as follows:

First—Regarding "Distant Unions." There certainly can be no gainsaying the fact that we are "distant" enough, as this is next to the last jumping-off place of the American dominions, the Philippines being the only place more "distant." Of course we are not "distant" when it comes to meeting a brother with a paid-up card, but, on the contrary, are all a good union man should be. I hope the latter point wasn't used against us in arriving at the decision above quoted.

Second—As to membership. We comply with that requirement, as we have now only 22 members, but we will soon have 50 or more if present indications count for anything, as we have just passed on 7 applications and will have about 15 more to pass on at our next meeting. Possibly the Committee on Credentials had some telepathic source of information and used our future membership of 50 or more as a point against us in arriving at their decision.

Third—As to clubbing together. Unless we clubbed together with No. 65, I must confess we didn't comply with that requirement, as there was no other union with whom we could club.

I should like to hear from Bro. Davidson of 65, or through the columns of the Worker, as to the reason of the rejection of III's proxy to Bro. Davidson.

We meet in one of the very finest halls in Honolulu now, St. Antonia Hall, Vineyard street, near Emma, where we meet the second and fourth Fridays of each month, and in addition have the hall rented for the first and third Saturdays for the purpose of giving an occasional smoker, dance or Luau (feast and good time generally). The last one was such a pronounced success that we are going to repeat the dose next Saturday night, when we expect to make such an impression on the minds

of those present that there will always be a hollow where the impression was. We are certainly going to give them a good time.

If any one thinks we are a dead local down here they certainly have another think coming.

It is amusing to read in the Worker about some of the locals having trouble getting their members to pay their dues and attend meetings. I would advise all such locals to send an ambassador plenipotentiary down here, and after the payment of a suitable initiation fee we will reveal to him the process we follow to overcome all such trifling little difficulties. Bro. Berger, our financial secretary, has a very unique and effective method of keeping any of the brothers from becoming delinquent with his dues. Let me again assure all intending travelers this way that a paid-up card is as necessary to work on this island as a Bible is to a preacher.

Bros. Disbrow and Poo are absent on one of the other islands wiring a large sugar mill.

We expect a few brothers of No. 6 here shortly to work on a large block now going up, and they may expect a cordial welcome from us, but don't forget your pasteboards, boys.

Col. Jack Coffee has just returned from the Philippines, where he superintended the installation of a Gamewell fire and police alarm system similar to one he is going to put in here. Bro. Thos. Carey will do the overhead work on this plant, with such assistance as he may require from our ranks. Col. Coffee is a very genial fellow and is "dead square" when it comes to union methods.

Bro. W. F. Dunn returned from a pleasant visit to family and friends on the mainland, and was promoted to the foremanship of the Hawaiian Electric Co.'s inside and outside work.

Billy is all right, and is a favorite with both company and men.

Well, this is enough for now.

WM. GITT,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 112.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Beginning with a list of officers elected I

will try and fulfill my duty as Press Secretary.

Pres.—H. W. Dodge.
Vice-Pres.—Lee Lewis.
R. S.—W. T. Burns.
F. S.—Wm. McGrath.
P. S.—Albert Fox.
Foreman—Ollie Haas.
Trustees—Geo. Coons and A. Davis.
Inspectors—Frank Knipp and A. Thurman.

Delegates to the Central Labor Body—Robt. Wilkinson, Thos. Durkee and Geo. Evans.

All the boys are working and the outlook is encouraging. The Cumberland Tel. Co. is doing considerable work while the Louisville Home Tel. Co. is a little short of material at present, but prospects are fair. Some of the boys work too hard during the day and are so busy evenings they cannot spare time to attend the meetings. Now, brothers try and find time to come up and help us push the good work along.

I would like to state that linemen are receiving \$2.50 instead of \$3.00 per day as stated by our former press secretary in a previous letter. It was also stated that W. F. Palmer was here holding a position so high he could not join the brotherhood, but such was not the case, as he was sent here to try and settle the strike between the Central Construction Co. and Local 112, which he succeeded in doing, and then took charge of a gang, thinking he could do dirt to the brothers within a few days, but he lost his position. He then claimed the union was the cause of his downfall. He hurled some inappropriate epithets at the brotherhood and howled around in a manner unbecoming a gentleman and stated if the union would cause his downfall he would be a scab the balance of his life. Brothers, watch that rat and make him carry his corn. Watch him, brothers, at Toledo.

Wishing all brothers success.

Fraternally,

ALBERT FOX,
Press Sec.

P. S.—If these few words should reach Herbert Davis from Ottumwa, Ia., please write me.

Local Union No. 113.

Colorado Springs, Col., Dec. 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

We elected new officers as follows:

Pres.—Sam Swisher.
V. P.—Fred Allender.
F. S., T. and P. S.—J. L. Lynch.
R. S.—H. F. Parchal.
Foreman—J. Wilson.

The trouble with the Elec. Supply Company is settled and the men are all back to work.

All the brothers are working here just at present and there is a good deal of work going on.

I would like to hear from Jim Brown and Jack Barter.

I will close for this time.

Fraternally yours,

J. L. SMITH,

Press Sec.

P. S.—If a gainer lands in Colorado Springs and hits a foreman for a job, he is politely asked, "Do you carry a card?" If the answer is "No," he is told to go, for no one is hired without a card.

J. L. SMITH,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 113.

Colorado Springs, Col., Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

We have had our election of officers and I am it for press secretary, and as this is a new experience for me I am at a loss how to begin.

The brothers of 113 are certainly letting this community know we are alive and won't allow any fooling. To put it as Bro. Jack Gumar of 68 does, Local 113 sticks together like a can of LePage's glue, which is the cause of our phenomenal progress. Brothers, stick together and you will know no such word as fail. I think the cause of some locals not progressing is because they do not stick together and work as one man. There is too much jealousy among the members of some organizations. They get divided and form two factions, and anything that one faction proposes the other is sure to oppose, and in this way accomplish nothing only to shove hot air for two or three hours and then adjourn. "We are born as brothers; let us go hand in hand like brothers, not one ahead of another."

JAN 1902

Bro. S. C. Swisher, our former financial secretary and treasurer, has purchased the Hubbard & Long electrical concern, and Bro. Allender, our former business agent, is his manager. The brothers of 113 wish them all the success possible; and our worst wish is that they will succeed. We understand Bro. Swisher is to be married soon, and, Sam, we wish you unbounded happiness in this undertaking. We adjourned a little early last meeting night to smoke and drink to the health and happiness of Sam and his bride that is to be.

Some of the brothers of 113 who are wanderers on the face of the earth would probably like to know who the new officers of 113 are, so I send them:

Pres.—Geo. Macey.

V. Pres.—Gibson.

Rec. Sec.—Van Dusen.

Fin. Sec. and Treas.—Jim. Smith.

Press Sec.—W. H. Ralston.

Insp.—Wilson, Snettiger.

Fore.—Frank Manley.

Trus.—Macey, Walsh, Ralston.

Delegates to Trades Council—Paschal, Ralston, Macey.

Delegates to Federation of Trades—Smith, Manley, Crow, Wilson, Gibson.

Ex. Board for Wiremen—Macey, Ralston, Van Dusen.

Ex. Board for Linemen—Manley, Wilson, Libby.

Yours fraternally,

W. H. RALSTON,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 115.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 1, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The Worker for December is among us again, and my surprise may be more easily imagined than described by those who read my letter in the November issue, when I find letters from three different sources taking exceptions to language that is supposed to reflect on some member of No. 60.

I have hitherto been careful to use no offensive personalities and confine myself strictly to the defensive, but my patience is almost exhausted and I am forcibly reminded of the old saying to "cast no pearls before swine."

What I wrote of Bros. McCracken and Stanley was in the nature of a flat denial

of charges supposedly furnished by ex-members of this local, which they now admit to be correct, and I, in expressed terms, called them gentlemen laboring under false information. As it appears, neither understand such language at the hands of a man and brother whom they are doing all in their power to traduce and condemn without a hearing. It is as they say, better to leave the matter in the hands of some one who does know how to appreciate courteous treatment. It is significant and worthy of particular note that neither has accepted my challenge in my November letter to the Worker. I can hardly see what good can possibly come of this continuous abuse of our co-laborers, nor why people will misstate facts. The chances are that no one outside of Locals 115 and 60 take any interest in our foolish squabble, nor read our letters. It is also a question with me as to whether anybody outside of No. 60 cares a rap whether this town is \$2.50 and eight hours or not; but this fact is just as I have stated before, that there are two houses here doing electric wiring that are considered fair, and they are paying \$2.50 for eight hours work. The names of these houses are Austin Electrical Supply Co., 709 Congress avenue, and W. A. Burke, 814 Congress avenue. As I said before, if anyone else is enough interested to find out the truth of the assertions made by me and disputed by Bro. McCracken, let them write either or both of the houses named and they will find out.

As to the senseless assertion made by Bro. Stanley that if the P. S. of No. 115 is a fair example you can see where the rest stand, why, I want to say to him that I lay no claim to being out of the ordinary, but think his personalities as applied will most likely injure him more than it will me among fair-minded people. I think all laboring people do or should understand that corporations, on which Bro. Stanley would cast reflections in his remarks as applied to me, are the friends of the laboring people if properly handled and made to understand that the laboring man is not their enemy. If the brother should dare to publish to all corporations that he is (as one would be led to understand him) their inveterate enemy, then I am quite sure that the corporation he is

working for now would soon find a man to replace him. I have heard people talk before, but they take extremely good care that remarks like the one Bro. Stanley makes of corporations as applied to my case don't come to the knowledge of their employers, or you could easily "see their end."

Now about Jerome Jones' supposed report of his arrival in Austin, as reported by Bro. Stanley. I want to say that while Jerome Jones and three ladies from Local Union No. 60 did come to Austin about that date, that they were courteously received and entertained, and Bro. Jones could not truthfully have made such a report as quoted.

In the language of one of the distinguished gentlemen who give most of their time to our abuse, I will say, "I am from Missouri" and you will have to prove it to me over Jerome Jones' own signature before I will believe he would make the statement as quoted. Maybe your memory is just a little defective, my brother.

Now Duckie, old girl, just a word or two to you on the side. I have not so far come across that particular kind of flat stone you describe in your letter and seen the grass grow over that spot next year, nor have I found anyone else that has had that experience. I quite agree with you, however, that "Controversy equalizes fools and wise men in the same way and the fools know it." It seems that you were very forcibly struck with your own application though I am quite sure that it was not your intention to swallow it yourself. You quite mistake, my brother, when you say I began the fight, as a letter written by yourself about the advent of the Texas Telephone Co. into our city started the controversy you speak of. We have only been so far on the defensive, and little or no attention has been paid to Bros. McCracken and Stanley in an official way, but it is different when backed by No. 60 in their misstatements and acts in trespassing on our territory in defiance of Art. XIV, Section 7, of the constitution, which reads as follows: "No member shall be permitted to work in the jurisdiction of another local until he has deposited his traveling card in that L. U. and received a working card or permit." Has any member of L. U. No.

60, except Pat Ireland, to your knowledge, ever deposited a traveling card in this local? You know of your own knowledge, and so does your local, that Pat Ireland deposited his traveling card here in L. U. No. 115 and was accepted. Don't you know that Pat Ireland owed \$3.75 for back dues to L. U. No. 60, and that it was promptly paid to us by him and in an honorable way transmitted to your local, who receipted to us for same?

Well, says Bros. McCracken and Stanley, we don't recognize that, and you say officially that Bro. Stanley is backed by L. U. No. 60. Then why did you receipt for Pat Ireland's back dues to us? Do you not know, my brother, that members of No. 60 are now working right in Austin, contrary to the spirit of the constitution as provided in Art. XIV, Sec. 7, as quoted? But you and yours say, "We do not recognize them."

What part of the constitution, my brother, gives one common local the right to override the constitutional rights of a sister local, small, modest and unassuming as we are? Are you so ignorant that you do not know that the executive board alone is clothed with power to suspend our constitutional rights? Do you not know that to all intents and purposes the L. U. at Honolulu has the same authority over you in demanding strike benefits as you have over us? Would you not be in a bad plight if they refused to recognize you under such conditions?

Does No. 60 not know that the executive board, under Art. XVII, Sec. 11, alone is clothed with authority to demand strike benefits? To judge by your letters now officially O. K'd by your local, and the action of your members, one would be led to think that you all were the E. B. in person, or that you had a constitution differing from ours, or that you had never read Art. XVII, Sec. 11. If you read this letter you may now see it is in our constitution, though possibly it may be different in yours. Art. XVII, Sec. 11. "When a difficulty with employers is duly sanctioned, the G. S. shall notify all L. U.'s as to the nature of the difficulty, and shall call upon them to send a fixed sum per week to the general office. The president of each L. U. thus notified shall order its treasurer to

forward the sum required each week. Any L. U. failing to comply with this provision within five days from date of notice shall be suspended."

To a person not bloated with self-importance and the smallness of others, it would look as if, had such an order been given by the only constituted authority, that it had been obeyed or that it had never been issued. Let me say here and now, that had it been given by the E. B. it would have been obeyed to the letter no matter what the strain.

I also wish to add that we are peaceable, law-abiding members of the grand brotherhood of electrical workers, anxious and willing to give the right hand of fellowship to all brothers, not even excepting those of L. U. No. 60 who have so misrepresented and wronged us. We will positively defend ourselves against all aggression, from whatever source.

To make a long story short, we are tired of fooling with people who have apparently no idea that others have constitutional rights that should be observed. Our little case is up to the E. B. long before you read this, in an official and formal way.

We have always been treated with the utmost kindness by the E. B., and our only death claim, that of Bro. Perry G. Schmidt, has been promptly paid within the last few days.

A few more words to you, dear, and then I will take up one or both of your assistants. If the E. B., to whom we have already appealed, decide that we alone are entitled to issue working cards in this territory, and protect us in it, then we will elect new officers the second Wednesday in January, and I hope to see elected as press secretary a man who can write letters that the late Brann, of Iconoclast fame, would turn green with envy over.

A movement is also on foot to elect two assistants, to accommodate all three of you. Won't we have a cat and parrot time? But we anticipate. It may be possible you will prove you have jurisdiction over our territory. In that case, my brother, we don't want an unprotected charter, and so, Ta ta.

Now, Bro. Stanley, a few parting words with you. So sorry you think of retiring as associate press secretary. You are so amusing and entertaining that I fear we will miss your abuse very, very much.

Couldn't you give us just one or two more. You write all O. K., but sometimes stop a little too soon. When you speak of seeing where my end would come in you stopped right there and did not state where your own had already come in. When you spoke of a scab in Austin getting as much respect as a good union man, you were certainly in position, under our constitution, to speak from experience. You did not add, though, that you worked with known scabs and on a scab job, nor that you never made one single attempt to join forces with us and better your condition and ours. But you say we did not scab on No. 115 because "we did not recognize them." Who gave you or yours authority to suspend constitution? Can you tell me? Against the character or standing of yourself or other members of No. 60 I have nothing whatever to say, but that you or yours can longer impose on our good nature, I say, my brother, it is nearing its end.

If the kind of mud-slinging you seem to delight in is any satisfaction to you, and Bro. Sherman in his good nature will indulge you in it, then don't consider you are barred out, but let her come. I will guarantee you an answer in kind, as we are preparing to elect three press secretaries at next election. If, on the other hand, you think enough has been said, then I say as before, let bygones be bygones and we will all pull together as we should do.

Bro. McCracken, you presume to correct me and say that the "great strike" was not against the Southwestern Telephone Co. at all. I want to remark that that is news to your press secretary and the whole brotherhood as well. You kept all the papers in Texas as well as the Electrical Worker filled with that name. Of course everybody knew that it was for a State scale primarily, but the Southwestern received the brunt of battle and it was consequently named after that company.

If my letter were not already too long I should like to make a few comments on that famous great strike, the methods pursued, etc, but space forbids; but if this character of correspondence must be kept up I will touch on it in another letter later. With the hand of fellowship to all who will accept, I am,

Fraternally, MACK, P. S.

Local Union No. 117.

Elgin, Jan. 1, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

That No. 117 may start the New Year right will say a word. No. 117 is neither dead nor sleeping. Although we have not appeared in print as frequently as some neighbors we are doing business. There is seldom a meeting night that we don't trot out the royal bumper and while we are not as numerous as some locals we have as enthusiastic a bunch of brothers as can be produced. As proof that they are hustlers will say that the Chicago Telephone Co. has tried on five different occasions to work a gang of non-union men here since the strike has been on and each time the boys have induced them to quit. Paid-up cards are what goes in Elgin. Elgin has a population of 22,000 and 31 different labor organizations are represented in the Elgin Trades Council.

For the information of No. 14, one of your former members (a Mr. Thomas) is scabbing for the Chicago Telephone Co.; No. 17, Onie McMahan, ditto.

At our last regular meeting the following officers were elected, all wise selections with the possible selection of your humble servant.

Pres.—E. L. McClelland.

V. P.—A. N. Soper.

Fin. Sec.—J. O'Rourke.

Inspector—I. C. Burney.

Foreman—T. Fanning.

Hoping to see the organization flourish during 1902, will ring off.

E. L. MCCLELLAND.

Local Union No. 118.

Dayton, Jan. 2, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Greeting for 1902. I hope that with the beginning of the new year every brother made a resolution to be more regular in attendance at his local's meetings and that he will make an individual effort to make this the most successful year the I. B. E. W. has ever known. Brothers of 118 take a large dose of this advice unto yourselves and get into the harness and pull until the traces crack to make our local one of the best in the land. We need the close attendance of every member at every meeting. Don't stay at home and say the boys

don't need me to-night, get along all right without me, but just make up your mind that the place couldn't run unless you attend and then our meetings will be worth coming a long way to attend. Last meeting was our regular election and I think the officers chosen will prove wise selections for their respective stations, press secretary excepted, as I think they will find out after they have read a few of my letters. The following brothers were elected:

Pres.—J. H. Sheets.

V. P.—Soe Hommrich.

F. S.—J. W. Holt.

Rec. Sec.—H. E. Phillips.

Press Sec.—C. M. Rike.

Treas.—C. O. Clark.

Insp.—Thos. Mast.

Foreman.—G. C. Holt.

Trustees.—C. W. L. Lohnes, Wm. Carney and E. B. Sullivan.

Bro. George Breene suffered a broken leg and Bro. Henry Phillips fell from a pole and broke his arm and several ribs. We also have a brother of 142, Joe Nicholson in the hospital here, suffering from rheumatism.

Most of the boys are working, although work is pretty slack. When the birds begin to whistle "Gentle Annie" about March or April 1st it will be time enough to land in the Gem City of the Miami Valley. The Home Co. will begin to build here then and there will be work by the barrel.

Yours fraternally,

C. N. RIKE,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 122.

Gt. Falls, Mont., Dec. 29, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As this local was not represented last month, and as my term as press secretary has expired, I will try and get in a few words for this month. This local is as far behind as ever, and the brothers are to blame for it. I know this local can be up to date if the brothers will do their duty, but so long as they all stay at home on meeting nights there will be no change.

There is one thing that should be taken up by the proper officers (I don't mean to refer to any particular person) that I think concerns every member of the brother-

hood. What I refer to is this: I think the proper officers should devise some plan and take such steps as are necessary to prevent all brothers from beating all bills they may contract. I think it should be made compulsory for them to pay their honest debts, and I also think that this is one very important feature that is being sadly overlooked by the brotherhood. The time is close at hand when it will be with the boys of the I. B. E. W. as it is at present with the railroaders (or the greater part of them), and that is, when a stranger goes into a strange city he will have to give the hotel-keeper an order on the company for which he expects to work, or an order on some responsible citizen of the town, before he can sleep or eat. This is the inevitable result unless steps are taken to check it. All of us are not so lucky as to have plenty of coin when we are forced to leave a town, and there are a great many of the brothers who have families, and it would be very awkward if they were forced to leave their home and seek employment elsewhere. I hope if I have made myself plain that this will find favor among all good, honest brothers, and the proper measures be taken to check one of the greatest evils that has been overlooked by the brotherhood.

Luther's Hall never presented a more artistic and beautiful appearance than on the occasion of the electrically illuminated ball given by Local 122. The room was filled to its utmost capacity, every chair below was occupied, and the gallery packed with onlookers.

There were, in all, over 800 incandescent lights used in the decorations. Around the balcony, festooned with evergreen moss, was a chain of lights, covered with purple and white paper, representing morning glories. Within the center, on the left side, emblazoned in tri-colored lights, were the initials of the order. At the head of the hall, just over Walgamott's orchestra, which furnished the music, was a large electric banner, bearing the word, "Welcome."

Directly underneath this was a large horn, with the mouthpiece angling toward the musicians. This was connected with the telephone wires at central station, so that any private house wishing to hear the

music might do so by simply asking central to make connection with the hall. Until long after midnight hundreds of telephones were connected. The music over all sounded most beautiful, and for hours persons held their 'phones and listened.

All the stationary lights in the hall were covered with colored paper. There were also several other electrical effects, including some set pieces, the whole forming a scene most beautiful.

A novel feature of the ball was that all the dances were announced over the telephone. A gong sounded in the other room, which called for quiet in the hall. Then through two large horns, located in either end, came the announcement of the dance. The music then started and the dance was on.

Throughout the whole affair was a splendid success.

I guess I have made fuss enough for this time, so I will ring off, hoping this will find space in the journal.

I remain, fraternally yours,
D. D. BARNES,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 129.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 8, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is a long time since our journal contained a letter from Local 129, so I trust the brothers will endure this one and not condemn my mistakes.

All the brothers are working. Bro. Winton is installing a small light plant at Craig, Mo.; we all wish the brothers success.

At our last regular meeting, Friday, Jan. 3, the new officers were installed.

Pres.—B. C. Thayer.

V.-Pres.—W. H. Winters.

Fin. Sec.—S. Keran.

Rec. Sec.—W. H. Langston.

P. S.—J. C. Cain.

Fore.—J. Lustenberger.

Insp.—Bert Bain.

A little damage to our hall by fire and smoke was caused from a barrel of ashes in the hallway igniting. It burned a hole through the floor and filled the hall with smoke, but that did not cut any figure with the boys. They held their meeting just the same.

No. 129 meets every Friday night at 412½ Francis street.

Yours respectfully,
J. LUSTENBERGER.

Local Union No. 132.

South Bend, Ind., Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

This is my first experience and I do not expect to write a very long letter.

No. 132 is still in the ring and doing business at the same old stand. Business is good here and everyone is working. We get one of those long-haired chaps about every meeting night, and have three for our next meeting.

We sent a bunch of fixers to Long Cliff, near Logansport, the other day, and have been informed they will be held for a while and shipped back in the spring. King Rareick, alias Sunflower Willie, Solder Pot Bill, or Alley Rat, was chief hiker of the gang, and was appointed guardian for Jack Gerard, the little man with the big voice.

We have had an election of officers for the coming year resulting:

Pres.—J. E. Perry.
V.-Pres.—Oliver Meyers.
R. S.—V. E. Curry.

Yours fraternally,
V. E. CURRY, R. S.

Local Union No. 135.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 2, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As it is time for letters for the January Worker to be sent in, I will write a few lines to let the boys know how No. 135 is getting along. We have all we started with and considerable more, for we initiated a new member last Monday and Bro. Frank Smith from No. 25 deposited his card with us. He is working for the Interstate Co.

I understand the Interstate Co. is putting on quite a number of men, and it is a strictly union job. Every man has to have his ticket or hop. One thing I would like to see in Trenton is that the inspector would look into or have some one else appointed to look at some of the bum work that is done here. The insurance companies do not seem to care a snap of your finger, and every 16-year-old kid that comes along can put up wire if it isn't any more

than lamp cord, with which a good many places are wired all through the house.

I will switch off for this time, wishing a happy New Year to all.

F. L. MORRIS,
Press Sec.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 135 has been absent in the Worker for quite a time, so I will let the brothers know we are still in existence.

Our local is steadily improving, and prospects are brighter than they have ever been before since we were organized. I hope they will continue so, for after the hard road we have traveled it certainly is nice to see things picking up every week.

We had an election of officers last week. They are as follows:

Pres.—J. H. Brister.
Vice-Pres.—J. Stahnber.
Rec. Sec.—F. L. Morris.
Fin. Sec. and Treas.—N. Mountford.
Inspectors—E. M. Anderson, A. J. Gluth.
Foreman—G. G. Zennan.
Delegates to Building Trades Council and Central Labor Union—J. H. Brister, F. L. Morris, E. M. Anderson.
Trustee—E. M. Anderson.

After election we held a banquet and smoker, Bro. Dorsett contributing a bag of peanuts and Bro. Morris a pack of cigarettes.

I remain, yours fraternally,
JAS. I. MOUNTFORD,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 136.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 6, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 136 is progressing very nicely. We have installed our new officers, who are as follows:

Pres.—E. T. Sheets.
V. P.—T. A. Patillo.
F. S.—J. F. Phillips.
R. S.—W. A. Steele.
Treas.—Frank Powell.

We believe we have a good set of officers and hope they will build up No. 136 and get her on a par with other labor organizations in this city. We are constantly taking in new members and have the majority of the linemen and wiremen with us

and we will not rest until we get the balance.

No. 84, we are proud to say that your man is no longer in Birmingham. Things got a little warm for him and he has gone to a cooler climate.

We are glad to hear that No. 100 came out on top with the strike.

Very good, Bro. McIntuff; let us hear from you again.

Bro. B. K. Oaks, of Ft. Scott, Kan., it will be to your interest to write Bro. G. W. Brown, No. 320 N. 18th Street.

We all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with prospects of a busy year ahead of us.

Fraternally,
R. E. L.

Local Union No. 137.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 6, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I promised I would send you a picture of our way of cutting in new lights without opening the line. It is a great thing to bring the members to meetings to see it worked on some new light, and it is a good thing as long as you don't slam the juice on too hard. It takes the talk out of those hikers who are always telling you how they have handled 2,000 and 5,000 volts with bare hands. The man in the chair is the sixth one to be cut in for the month of December, and we are going to try and do better in January. We have got a pretty good gang of hustlers here. If things keep coming our way for the next three months as they have in the last three there will be something doing around here next summer that will benefit union men around this part of the country.

Bro. Ed. Coyle has dropped his green card in here; he comes to us from Buffalo. His horns are well sharpened, as he is a hard buckler.

Bro. Ed. Hilton of 15 presented this local with a new gavel in commemoration of our new hall. Pres. E. J. Landy says he is not the head knocker of the Don't Knock club, but you ought to see him knocking the head of that new gavel. Keep a-knocking, Bro. Landy.

This local has changed its meeting-room from the Labor Temple to corner Broadway and Hudson street, on the third floor.

We meet every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock sharp. If any of the boys drop in here don't sleep too long Sunday mornings or you will miss the meeting and something worth seeing.

If Harry Ryan sees this will he please write to Harry Yingst, P. O. box 97, Troy, N. Y.

The august superintendent of the Schenectady Electric Light Co. came to Albany Dec. 28th and asked one of our members, J. Morrissey, if he could get him three or four good electric light men. He told him he could, and three of us went up to see the superintendent Sunday, Dec. 29. I don't suppose you could pick out any better men in the Brotherhood than the bunch that went to see this man. I was one of them, and a good many of the boys of No. 20 know me and know I am up in light matter, and don't have to pat myself on the back. We gave him our story and he asked us if we were union men. We told him we were. He said that settled it; that he would not have a union man on the job, as they were only drunkards and stinkers. He also used other epithets unfit to print. If any brother doubts this I will go with him to this man and prove it. It was the rankest call I ever had from any man. His name is H. Tieman. If he had not been in his office he would have been put in the canal. Keep away from there, brothers. Until he learns what a union man is let him have his home guards. If the brothers in that town doubt my word I will give them a call at any time to explain further.

I will bid the boys good-by, as this is my last for some time.

HAROLD SMITH,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 138.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I herewith send list of new officers:

Pres.—H. C. Wineland.

V.-Pres.—A. Umber.

R. S.—E. Fisher.

F. S.—M. B. Larimer.

Treas.—F. X. Staub.

Insp.—A. Miller.

Fore.—W. Wagner.

Trus.—B. C. Hattle, A. Wolff, D. Spangler.

P. S.—D. Mullen.

Local Union 138 is doing fine and we hope to do better in the future. We have one sick member, Bro. S. Tyler, but he is now able to be out. As to work, I must say it is good for the time of year. The boys are all glad to see it so. The inside men are still having trouble, but we hope to overcome all trouble soon. Bros. Bartel and Haines spent the holidays at home, and say Detroit is the only city to work in. Bro. Haines took unto himself a wife while home; we wish him a long and happy life. Henry Lanning, of Duluth, Minn., and Bro. Faulter, of Springfield, Ill., paid us a short visit on Jan. 2d.

Our local would be glad to hear from the union at South Bend, Ind., and why they do not answer the letters written them. I don't know as I can say but little more now. At our last meeting we had a short address by the newly-elected president, Bro. Wineland, and also by our retiring president, Bro. M. B. Larimer. But least and last was the fat man, our V.-P., Bro. UMBER. The P. S. wishes to say that No. 138 has the best of timber for its officers for this term. Yours truly,

D. MULLEN, P. S.

Local Union No. 140.

Schenectady, N. Y., Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As old Father Time has been attending strictly to business since I wrote you last, I find another letter is due from me to the Worker. I am happy to say that Local 140 is still in the field and growing stronger with every meeting. Our last regular meeting fell on Christmas and we postponed it until Saturday evening. Our total membership is 24, and out of that we had 15 present; we held our semi-annual election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Pres.—Wm. T. Rapp.

V.-P. and P. S.—Wm. Van Vechten.

R. S.—Geo. Colony.

F. S.—John H. Reed.

Treas.—Henry Long.

Insp.—James Colony, Arthur Pashley.

Fore.—Henry Seeley.

Trus.—James Colony, John Reed, John Fleming.

There was considerable opposition, but it was all in a friendly spirit, and I think everyone was satisfied with the result. The boys say the new officers will have to blow themselves on installation night, so I suppose we are in for a hot time at our next meeting.

Work is very good here and all of the boys are busy. The new telephone company is still busy setting poles and says it intends to stay at it all winter.

There is a man in the employ of the light branch of the Schenectady Street Railway Co. who needs to be taken care of. He is offering union men \$50 and \$55 per month if they will leave the union. This is without ever having any trouble with the union, so it must be pure cussedness. Three traveling cards have been deposited with us. May the new year be a successful one and may our union grow and prosper is the wish of,

Yours fraternally, W. IRE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 150.

Bay City, Mich., Dec. 12, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is with pleasure we spare the time to pen a few words for the Worker each month. The brothers here are all very glad to hear that the brothers in Chicago are having such good luck in gaining their point with the Tel. Co.

The inside wiremen are all quite busy. Work for the linemen is getting slack and some of the brothers are going away in a short time.

We took in two men last meeting night and one with a transfer card from Local No. 16, who is a fine fellow.

We had a smoker Dec. 16, 1901, and had quite a nice crowd. Most all the electrical companies were represented. After refreshments were over, Mr. Read, our toastmaster, entertained us for a while by telling stories, and most all of the brothers had a story to tell. Some of our visitors gave us some very good hints about electrical work. In fact, everybody had an all-around good time. We are in hopes of getting some new members through the effects of the smoker. Next Tuesday night is election of officers and we hope the brothers will have another good time. As

I am away I hope they will get a good P. S., instead of one like me. Hoping to be able to hear more from Local No. 150 in the future, I will break the connection for this time.

Faternally,

IRVING HAND,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 153.

Marion, Ind., Jan. 8, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Having been elected press secretary at our last meeting, I will endeavor to tell you what we are doing.

The C. U. & United Tel. Co. is rebuilding here and employs about forty liners, every one of whom carries a card. If any brother comes this way we will try and see that he does not go away hungry if he shows a paid-up card, for the boys here have stopped two gangs at the town line who were not right. I think we can take care of the town, for we have several men from No. 9.

This is a young local yet, but we have a fair start, and most of the boys are attending meetings every night. We took in some new lights in December, and are working to get the inside wiremen in. At our last meeting we elected officers. They are:

Pres.—Ed. Meadows.

Vice-Pres.—W. W. McDonald.

Fin. Sec.—C. C. Weesner.

Rec. Sec.—R. W. Moody.

Foreman—J. Gormley.

Inspectors—Chas. Zimmerman, Fred Geisler.

Trustees—E. W. Gray, George Van and C. L. Skinner.

Hello, 52! How are all the lights; still burning bright?

A happy New Year to all the brothers. I will close, stating we meet every Tuesday night in Carpenters' Hall on West Third street.

Yours fraternally,

H. C. BRANDT,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 158.

Temple, Tex., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

For fear the P. S. will forget us this month I will put in a few words for the

benefit of the brothers at large. The boys from the snow-clad country have begun to drop in now and then. Glad to see you, boys, for when you meet one the first thing is, "How de do?" You do the next if the green cardboard, which we are all so proud of, is forthcoming.

Work is scarce throughout Texas at present. The new company will begin operations about Jan. 1st I think. Will be glad for the operators, as we have five ladies still out of employment.

We have just had a street fair, or winter carnival, which came to hand in the nick of time for some of the boys laid off by the new company. It is all over now and the midway shows are going to Houston from here. Hope they will do good for some brothers there by giving them a few days' work.

We have a good attendance at meetings except one or two members. Boys, come out to every meeting and see what is going on.

Would like to hear from you, Bro. Seehorn.

Faternally,

W. W. C., Pres.

Temple, Tex., Dec. 12, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Hello! Brothers of other locals. Maybe you think we don't amount to much, but here goes for a little cutting straight. Some of the floating brothers come along with a hard-luck story, their card one or two months behind. That won't go any more; you must have the paid-up card to work here.

Say, W. K., you had better square your board; it's pretty hard to jump board, but to beat a widow is—well, you can name it. Such as that makes it hard on all good brothers, so you must not practice it on our town if you don't want to hear of it. The same brother wrote back here that the brothers of Houston said our foreman was a scab. Pretty strong talk. Brothers we are from Joplin; show us and we are there with the goods.

Most everybody working for the New Phone and Light Co.

Oh yes, we held our election last meeting night, Dec. 25. The following were elected:

Pres.—W. R. Graham.
 Vice-Pres.—W. W. Clay.
 F. S.—J. C. Jones.
 R. S.—H. S. Newland.
 Treas.—Mrs. A. Chandler.
 P. S.—Mike Monighan.

We have several of the boys from the North with us—the aforesaid Mike, and Bob Briant with a card from No. 9, Chicago. Stay with us, boys of No. 9; we know how to sympathize with you; if you need anything let us know; we will do what we can. There are Tug Crinkle and Shorty Beaber with us. A great many of the boys pass this way; they can't say they are not treated square. If you are not up-to-date don't get insulted if we question you pretty closely. Any brother who is all right won't, I am sure. Wishing No. 9 and all other locals success, I am,

Yours fraternally,
 WIND JAMMER.

Local Union No. 160.

Zanesville, O., Jan. 2, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

With the beginning of a new year we find our brotherhood in a flourishing condition with the prospects never brighter than at present to make our organization second to none but it will take some hard work to corral some of these so-called union men at heart.

Work is getting rather slack here at present. The Bell People are putting in a few 25 cent phones and the Z. T. & T. are about all in and they have as fine a plant as can be found. The Light people are cutting over their plant from direct to alternating and working several of our members.

We have elected officers for this term as follows:

Pres.—J. Simmons.
 V.-Pres.—J. Cuthbert.
 R. S.—C. G. Kern.
 Treas.—C. R. Wilson.
 Foreman—J. Smith.
 Inspectors—E. Jordan, H. Cunningham.
 Press Sec.—C. Kern.
 Trustee—J. Smith.

We have induced our past president to take out a withdrawal card as we did not think he had any business in our local while holding a position as general fore-

man for the company. He is all right and was tendered a vote of thanks by the local.

There is nothing doing so will go way down and sit back wishing all members a happy new year.

Yours fraternally,
 KID.

Waukesha, Wis., Dec. 17, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As it is time the letters were all getting in I will send a few lines to let you know how things are around here. There is pretty good prospects of work for next summer. Two companies are after a franchise in Milwaukee and one here and they stand a very good show to get there. They think they will have to give them both a franchise and let them fight it out between them. That will mean work for the fixers.

There was a gang working for the Wolf River Co. at Appleton that would not go to work one stormy day when it was 10 below zero. They were discharged and a gang from Fond du Lac took their places. Don't think there was any union men in the gang if some did have cards.

The Bell Co. had nerve enough to ask me to chase trouble for them at \$45 a month but I declined with thanks.

Bro. H. W. Rawling, didn't think you would ever get up here where it is so cold by the way you talked at Galveston, but you can't always sometimes tell.

Have blown a fuse so will have to close. Wishing all the brothers and sisters a happy new year, I am,

Fraternally yours,
 W. J. CHURCH.

Local Union No. 162.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 6, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Not knowing how to start this month, I'll first give an account of our first smoker. It certainly was a hummer. We had a mandolin and guitar club to entertain us and Bro. Lynch's brother, not an electrical worker, kindly assisted with some very sweet vocal music. Bro. Con. Carbon, of the street car men's union, gave us some of his original funny songs and sayings. Those who know Con. can guess

what those who couldn't get to the smoker missed. We had a prize contest, enjoyed by all who saw into the mysteries of the prize package. Bro. Geo. Phileplis was the lucky one and enjoyed himself for awhile. Bro. Tubridy carries the only scars of the battle which he and Bro. Ray had. The Penn Tobacco Co. kindly gave us a chance to try their union tobacco by presenting us with enough for all. With a keg of Chicago water and some soft drinks we had a very enjoyable evening, and I'm sorry more members who stay on the outside too much didn't come. Don't forget our anniversary in February and come around prepared to make the beginning of our second year a rousing affair. Our first attempt proved such a success I hope they have come to stay.

Here are our new officers for this term:

Pres.—J. Y. Williams.

Vice-Pres.—J. J. McGlynn.

Rec. Sec.—H. S. Krunn.

Fin. Sec.—Henry Fiedler.

Rec. Sec.—W. F. Barber.

Treas.—O. Kantner.

Foreman—Wm. Krothe.

Inspts.—A. F. Lynch, M. Tubridy.

Trustee—J. Winebrake.

Look for a better letter next month. I'll cut out now so as not to be too late.

Yours respectfully,

W. F. B., Press Sec.

Local Union No. 170.

Findlay, O., Jan. 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As this is the first attempt I ever made of this kind, I will try to furnish a little amusement for the readers. We are not giving our goat any overtime just now as we have about all the acrobats who care to join.

We would like to know the whereabouts of Henry Hatt. We know he has been working, and if Bro. Hatt should see this he will please write and explain.

All the members who were here on Christmas got together that night at our hall and had quite a time, for we had Uncle Mike Collins and his two nephews there, who were quite unruly. The event took the form of a banquet which, though planned with no special observance in mind, was a great go just the same and

highly appreciated by all. The toasts were readily responded to by one and all and the banquet abounded in all the toothsome dishes of the season, and the completeness with which it had been prepared tended largely to increase the general feeling of good cheer. Although the first attempt of the kind ever made by our organization, it was a very pleasant affair and will stand as one of the most creditably acquitted undertakings in the history of our local. We had with us the following traveling members: Bros. Stormy Ferguson, Harry Hayward, Kid Gillett and Bob White. We had a very interesting sham fight and imitation of Corbett and Fitz by Gillett and Hayward, also some good comical songs rendered by the visiting members of the bartenders' local of this city.

Brothers, we hope you will follow our footsteps to a certain extent and get the C. U. Telephone men in with you or put them on the bum, the same as we are doing, and we expect to feel the benefit of it in a few days. They have always turned us down till now, but they will have to come to us from now on. PEANUT.

Local Union No. 171.

Ypsilanti, Mich., Dec. 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I am a little late but I will scribble a few lines to let the brothers know that we are alive.

Everything is going along smoothly now but there isn't much work. The Central Construction Co. laid off a few men this week so I wouldn't advise any of the brothers to float this way. We had a little trouble with aforesaid company but it was settled satisfactory to all. W. A. Baird who was running a gang for them, put an application into No. 171, stating he had belonged to three other locals. We wrote to them and in answer two of them stated he had scabbed. We telegraphed to Bro. Sherman and found that Baird wasn't on the scab list. Brother Secretaries, I wish when you write about a brother you wouldn't go by hearsay as we understood one of the brothers did from reading his letters, nor call a man a scab because you hold a grudge against him. Get down to the facts. Books will tell, and I'll wager that Bro. Sherman

has a record of everybody that has gone wrong.

Our manager here for the Mich. Tel. Co. fired the chief operator because he had heard that the girls were going to form a union and stick up for their rights, and that she was the head one in it. What do you think of that? I think he ought to be hung by the neck for ten days.

I guess some of the members of No. 171 have the same disease members of other locals have. They forget to come to meeting or forget when meeting night is. I think it would be a good plan if they would tie a string on their finger to remind them about the meetings.

We have changed our meeting night also our hall. We meet every Wednesday night in A. F. of L. hall.

I guess I have scribbled enough so will ring off and go to bed.

Yours fraternally,

J. B. M.

Local Union No. 173.

Newark, Ohio, Dec. 31, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Having recently been elected press secretary, will endeavor to let the boys know what No. 72 is doing. We have a nice local here, not large but still growing. Though a few in number the interest grows stronger every day. We meet every first and third Thursday of the month in the Painters' Hall.

We were pleased to receive a call from Bro. Roy Moore at our last meeting. He is located at Woodsfield. The boys were all glad to see him and gave him a hearty welcome.

Business is fairly good now and our membership with the exception of two are at work, and a brother that floats this way must have a ticket paid up so that we can treat him as a brother.

I am glad to say that the Newark Telephone Co. is strongly union, and we hope the time is not far off when the C. U. will be on the same basis. In short, Newark is one of the strongest union cities in Ohio and is doing a grand work here.

This is the closing of 1901, and I trust that during the coming year every one of us will put forth more strength and zeal and leave a record that will never die out.

This being the first letter to our valuable journal I will be brief. I will close wishing one and all a happy New Year, full of prosperity. I remain,

Yours fraternally,

C. F. BROWN, P. S.

Ottumwa, Ia., Jan. 6, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I suppose everyone is anxious to hear how No. 173 is getting along. Unfortunately we have not had a letter in the Worker since our local has been organized. No. 173 has been slow in getting to the front, but we are putting our house in order now and will soon be able to do business on a large scale. We have about fifteen members, all in good standing and all working. Not much doing now, but will be plenty when spring opens up.

Here is the list of officers elected:

Pres.—James Poling.

Vice-Pres.—A. Fuqua.

Fin. Sec.—C. Booth.

Rec. Sec.—J. Tracey.

Treas.—C. Woodell.

Trustees—C. Carothers, C. Davidson.

As we are just newly organized and getting in shape there is nothing of much importance, so will ring off. Wishing success to all the brothers, I remain,

Yours truly,

B. RYAN, Press Sec.

Local Union No. 176.

Joliet, Ill., Jan. 4, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 176 has been very unfortunate since the last letter. Two of our brothers, Andy Laughman, who was president at the time, and Curt Bounds, left here about the 10th of December for Dayton, O., to accept positions with the Street Railway Co. there. Both have been unfortunate during the past six months, being concerned in two strikes and sacrificing positions in one instance better than the majority of fixers attain. They are true blue and every member of No. 176 joins me in wishing them success in their new home.

Word has been received from Tampa, Fla., that Bro. Henry Quinlan, who left here about Nov. 1st, was confined in the hospital there suffering from a severe burn received while working for the Peninsula

Telephone Co. Bro. Quinlan has done much here for the good of the union, losing his job here with the St. Ry. Co. for decorating one of the Chicago Tel. Co.'s scabs. We all hope for his speedy recovery and trust the brothers of Tampa will see that their northern brother wants for nothing.

Bro. Wm. Gates was called to St. Joe, Mo., the 27th of December by a telegram announcing the sudden death of his eleven months' old baby, a bright little girl, his only child. Bro. Gates and wife have the sympathy of all in their sad bereavement.

Bro Michael Carroll, who has been confined in the hospital here for some time suffering from catarrh of the stomach, died the 29th of December. The brothers of 176 did what they could for him during his illness. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, which order had charge of his funeral. Interment was at El Paso, Ill.

Resolutions accompany this letter.

The following is a list of our newly-elected officers:

Pres.—Joseph Heinbach.
Vice-Pres. and P. S.—J. M. Slaybaugh.
Fin. Sec.—I. J. Huston.
Rec. Sec.—J. W. Gates.
Foreman—Pearl Blatchley.
Insp.—Ed. Morrisette.
Bus. Agent—Earl Burch.
Trustee—Earl Bryson.
Treas. Robt. Quinlan holds over.

Our latchstring is always on the outside for wandering brothers, but I would not advise any to head this way while strike is on with Chicago Tel. Co. They are working about the same number of scabs here as when I wrote last month, but all I can see they do is to ride around town accompanied by a deputy, who looks as if he had stolen something. Brothers concerned in this strike, remember there are black sheep in all folds. Because one member goes wrong do not let that be an excuse for your even considering the thought of returning to work until this strike is settled in our favor. Stand firm and we will show the "Great Ogre" from the Pacific coast that he cannot fight the I. B. E. W. and pay the stockholders a dividend at the same time.

If Wm. Pruitt, better known as "Rough Neck," is on earth and this catches his

eye would like to hear from him. Address 407 Collins street.

Will close wishing all members of the I. B. E. W. a happy and prosperous time during 1902. J. M. SLAYBAUGH.

Local Union No. 177.

Leavenworth, Kas., Jan. 7, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I was elected for this term as press secretary and will try to do my duty and write something for each month:

We have had our election of officers and now for the returns. We elected for these offices as follows:

Pres.—E. S. Pepher.
Vice-Pres.—Clarence Dean.
Fin. Sec.—Roy C. Easton.
Rec. Sec.—W. W. Marks.
Inspts.—W. S. Lee and J. S. Werty.
Foreman—Charles Buckley.
Treas.—R. P. Day.
Trustees—E. E. Hines, A. S. Pepher and W. W. Marks.

The Postal Tel. Co.'s gang is still working here and we hope that they will remain for a while longer, as we have three good brothers with them and the application of another.

We meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in Labor Hall. Now, brothers, you know where and when we meet, so you cannot have that for an excuse for not attending meetings.

There is not much work here at present, but I think there will be later on. Would not advise any of the floaters to drift this way.

The Leavenworth gas and light plants, owned by Henning and other stockholders of Chicago, have been sold to a New York syndicate, and they intend to invest \$100,000 in repairing both plants, but it will be some time before they start.

Would like to know where my big friend, Bro. Frank Laughman, is. Would also like to hear from him. Saw him last in Waterloo, Ia., in September.

Yours fraternally,
E. A. HINES, P. S.

Local Union No. 178.

Canton, O., Jan. 8, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 178 is still alive and doing business with the few members that are left here.

We just passed through a little storm which lasted a week. It began Dec. 31st by the posting in the various store rooms of a notice that after Jan. 1st the work-day of the Reserve Construction Co. would be nine hours and the employees would receive pay for nine hours instead of ten. The company claim that during the winter months the men cannot get in the ten hours, also that owing to the financial trouble of the Everett-Moore Syndicate it has effected them to such an extent that they (the Reserve Const. Co.) have not the money to go ahead with their work; that they were compelled to cut off this one hour in order to complete the work on such plants close to completion now. The locals most affected were Nos. 174 of Mansfield and 178 of Canton.

Local 174 voted to refuse the company's terms, and Local 178 decided to appoint a committee of three, which met and drafted up a set of resolutions to the end that No. 178 continue to work until all locals in the State of Ohio could be brought together by appointing delegates to settle on a wage scale and number of hours per day to govern the entire state. Local 178 approved of their action and voted to send a delegate to Mansfield to lay the matter before Local 174. This the delegate did at the meeting of Jan. 2, but No. 174 voted the resolution down. On receipt of a telegram from our delegate in Mansfield our president called the members off. All members ceased work the morning of Jan. 2. After various meetings a committee from No. 178 was appointed to wait on the officials of the Stark County Tel. Co. in Canton and learn the object of cutting off this hour. The committee met Manager Hillhouse, Engineer Stair and Supt. Slattery. Mr. Hillhouse was requested to ask Mr. Reber, of Cleveland, the general manager, if he would receive a committee of his employees. Mr. Hillhouse was informed Mr. Reber was a very busy man and could not spare the time, but would answer any questions we saw fit to ask of him. In reply to the question how long the nine hour rule would remain in force, he replied that on the 15th day of March, 1902, he would put us back on the ten-hour basis and former scale of wages, and further agreed to mail to Manager Hill-

house a signed statement to this effect, which he did.

About this time Supt. J. F. Slattery concluded it about time something was done and asked the committee to meet him at his room. At this meeting Supt. Slattery stated he had called up Mr. Reber by 'phone and requested an audience with him, stating he could give him a full account of the conditions of the work and what should be done. Mr. Reber consented, and when Mr. Slattery asked the committee to allow him to also represent the employees the committee gave him such authority, but asked Mr. Slattery to allow one of the committee to accompany him to Mr. Reber. This Mr. Slattery refused to do. The committee then asked Mr. Slattery to allow Bro. Murrin to go to Cleveland with him, and after Mr. Slattery had the interview with Mr. Reber to meet Bro. Murrin and report. This Mr. Slattery agreed to. While Mr. Slattery was waiting on Mr. Reber, he learned that a committee from Mansfield was on its way to confer with the Canton local, which he reported to Bro. Murrin, stating he would remain in Cleveland over night. Bro. Murrin thought it best for Mr. Slattery to return to Canton and explain to the local in his own words what took place in his interview with Mr. Reber, which he did at a special meeting Jan. 4th, at which a committee from No. 174 was present. At the request of No. 174's committee, resolutions were drafted and adopted by both locals. On Jan. 6th a joint committee visited Mr. Reber and proposed to him that we return to work under the old rules of ten hours per day and wages; but knowing the company to be short of funds, each employee would agree that the company retain 30 per cent. of his earnings until a time to be agreed upon. Mr. Reber thought this a generous offer, but stated the fact still remained the same and at this time of the year the men could not work ten hours a day. This result was reported to the respective locals. Local 178 was informed that No. 174 voted to refuse to work under the new scale, but would call no strike so long as the company refrained from putting new men to work.

Local 178 voted to declare the Stark Co. a fair concern. Just as we were leaving

the hall we met Supt. Slattery, who wished to see us. We returned to the hall and gave Mr. Slattery the floor. He stated that the local stockholders had concluded to furnish the money and continue the work on this plant under the old scale, ten hours work and pay. After Mr. Slattery's retirement the members voted to return to work on Jan. 8. Whether Mansfield will follow the same course we do not know, but hope they will soon reach a settlement.

The employees of the company wish to thank Gen. Mgr. Hillhouse, Supt. Slattery, Engineer Stair, Supt. Morris and Gen. Foreman Strangeman for their many favors and assistance.

Wishing every local success, I am,

Faternally,

HUGH MURRIN, P. S.

Local Union No. 179.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 30, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

My last letter having been received by the brothers with a passive air, I will again venture a few facts and possibly fancies. Before properly starting I would respectfully ask the editor that he kindly answer questions asked him.

We are progressing very nicely down here, adding new members every meeting and convincing those who are stubborn of the advisability of getting out of the rain.

Being a northern man, I had an idea about this negro question. I thought possibly that there was a certain prejudice against them on account of there being as good if not better men among them than among the white, but I will back down. I was all wrong. Our southern brothers are not half strong enough in their fight against them. When I walk along the beautiful (?) streets of Charleston and see the animals that some people call our equal, if I thought I had to accept their grip and call them brothers there is one man who would adopt some other trade, and any other man who has any pride cannot but think the same.

We have been unfortunate in losing Bro. McDougall, he having been called home on account of sickness in his family. We have since heard from him and are pleased to note that everybody is improving.

Asst. Supt. of Light and Power Kincaid

is rapidly bringing things into perfection around the Exposition grounds. He is a very hard worker and his cheery, welcome voice can be heard at any time borrowing chewing tobacco and other things. He has bought a macintosh and the change is quite agreeable, as the overcoat belonged to a man much smaller than he.

We have with us now three of the prominent features of the Midway in Buffalo, Bros. Thomas, Welsh and Wolley. They took advantage of tourist rates when leaving Buffalo. They made all stops between Buffalo and Charleston. Thomas is switchboard man on the second track. He is certainly a good man for the position, only a man going to work at three in the afternoon ought to be able to stay awake until eleven in the evening; also take a few lessons on the location of arc circuits. Welsh brought his clothes here in a mail bag. He had to roll it from Colombia to Charleston. He has to wear all his clothes at the same time so as to get that peculiar roll out of them, and then Wolley is just about his size. Wooley used more judgment in the style of his trunk. A berry crate is all right, but in shipping it the soft coal drifted in the cracks, and now when he comes down the line he looks like a ton of coal.

Stearns has had his hair cut. Marshall opened up a school for the study of Gaelic and has written for a picture of King Edward.

Locals 41 and 45 are to be congratulated for their respective letters in the December issue. We earnestly hope that the ending of the Pan-American has not retired No. 41 from the charming letters we enjoyed during the time of construction and operation of the Exposition.

We are having very pleasant weather here, quite different, we would judge, from the northern weather.

We understand that the employees of the Consolidated in this city received a raise a few days ago, which was much deserved. Riding around on a tower wagon at all hours of the day and night is worthy of an increase. We hope that the day will come when a company will understand that a lineman cannot stand as much as a trolley car.

We have election of officers to-morrow

night and will give you results in our next letter. We trust that our new officers will be as much of a credit to No. 179 as the present ones have been.

E. P. CHAMBERLIN, Press Sec.

Local Union No. 181.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

This being the beginning of the year 1902, I will try and start the new year right by sending in a letter to the Electrical Worker. I hope you will allow for all mistakes as this is my first effort.

We held our last meeting of 1901 on Dec. 17th and am sorry to say there were some faces missing in the picture, and I hope the boys will take more interest in our meetings. I hope every one of us will attend the first meeting of the new year, for a good start is half the battle, and continue to so attend throughout the whole year.

We elected the following officers at our last meeting:

Pres.—W. Brigham.

Vice-Pres.—J. Greenwood.

Rec. Sec.—H. Wanuling.

Fin. Sec.—I. B. Keeler.

Treas.—E. J. Brown.

In this list of names we have a very competent lot of officers, and I wish them all a happy and prosperous New Year.

I would not advise anybody to come to Utica looking for inside work at present, as we are just keeping busy ourselves, but we would be glad to have brothers drop in and see us if they should be passing through.

What's the matter with Bro. Symonds, of 181? Would be pleased to hear from him.

As I have got an open circuit here I will draw to a close. Fraternalty yours,

W. H. WILLIAMS, P. S.

Local Union No. 182.

Montreal, Can., Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local 182 joins with me in wishing all members of the I. B. E. W. many happy returns of the season. We hope by this time next year the membership of our brotherhood may be second to none in the world numerically, and I believe this is a

possibility if the members will only all wake up and give the officers in their respective locals all the assistance in their power, and each local give the members of the E. B. all the information within their different districts so they may be in a position to give information as to where a man in a certain branch of the trade may secure employment should he wish to change.

Last Monday night, Dec. 30th, we had the pleasure of a visit from our G. V. P., Bro. Hurd, who officiated at the election of our officers, and if each of the districts has as good a representative on the E. B. as Canada all will go well with the brotherhood. We tried to make it as pleasant as possible for him during his short stay in our midst. He has now gone down through the Eastern portion of Canada to try and organize them. I hope he will be successful. On his return we will have an open meeting, to which the representatives of the different electrical companies and contractors, all engaged as electrical workers who are not members, as well as those who already are members of our local, are invited. We also expect to have the representatives of the press, and some of the members of the Trades and Labor Council present to speak on the advantages of organized labor. After this meeting we are to have a dinner to which the bosses, press, and our committee with the G. V.-P. will be invited, and we expect to be able to show all concerned that Local 182 is not an antagonistic organization arrayed against capital, but that the principles set down in the preamble of our constitution by the I. B. E. W. place us in the material, social and moral position to which our trade entitles us.

I want to ask you, as I asked our G. V.-P., are many telephone switchboard men, inspectors and instrument men throughout the United States members of the I. B. E. W.? Are any locals composed only of inside telephone workers? If not, why? My principal reasons for asking these questions are, as Canada is to-day the Bell Co. has a monopoly, and for that reason the moment they know of any of their employees becoming members of a union they have some reason for dispensing with their services, and the true reason then becomes known to other employees,

who are afraid to go into a union as individuals, but who would be prepared to jump into it if they were being organized all over Canada, for if the handful of inside men in Montreal were to make any kick they would be replaced by men from Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, Quebec, etc., inside of twenty-four hours. This is an advantage that the Bell Co. has in Canada that they have not got in the States, and I believe it would be to the best interests of the I. B. E. W. to have an organizer acquainted with the telephone branch of our trade go to the cities in Canada that already have a local, such as Toronto, London, Hamilton, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec, and try to strengthen those that are in existence, rather than organize a number of other locals who would only be a drag to themselves for awhile and then drop out; but if you can point out to them that all the larger places are strongly organized, the small places will drop into line easier, as they will not then be afraid of the company sending a man from some city to replace him because he joined a union, and they will know that it is to their interest to become members. This is a matter that, as far as the organizing of the inside telephone men in Canada goes, requires a great deal of attention, and no one knows it better than those who have already become members of No. 182.

Election of officers resulted as follows:

Pres.—A. Chevallier.
 Vice-Pres.—W. J. Cooper.
 Rec. Sec.—R. Porteous.
 Fin. Sec.—A. W. McLaren.
 Treas.—J. A. Anderson.
 Foreman—J. Soucy.
 Inspts.—A. Owens, Temple.
 Press Sec.—J. A. Anderson.
 Trustees—J. E. Hilton, P. J. Brady, P. F. Duval.

As regards work here, there is lots of it, but I would not advise any brother to come at this time, as we don't want to be overstocked until we see how things are going to go between now and spring.

We have two or three members on the sick list, and I should have stated in my last letter that we had the sad misfortune to lose one of our members by the death of Bro. Gueisseman. He was a good workman and, though not well acquainted with

him, all those who worked with him spoke very highly of him. The local sent a very fine wreath, "Gates Ajar," with the words "Local 182" over the arch and "I. B. E. W." on the base.

In regard to a school of instruction in connection with each local, I believe it is one of the best things that could be done to help keep the boys together.

Yours fraternally,

J. A. ANDERSON.

Local Union No. 187.

Oshkosh, Wis., Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The duty of press secretary has fallen on me and I will endeavor to do my best; it is my first letter to the Worker.

We had the regular election of officers at our last meeting. Those elected are as follows:

Pres.—Joseph Wilson.
 Vice-Pres.—E. Grant Hall.
 Rec. Sec.—Robt. Waters.
 Fin. Sec.—P. S. Bixby.
 Treas.—Chas. Vale.
 Inspts.—Emil Prong, Louis Zentner.
 Foreman—A. E. Gibbons.

Work is not very brisk in this section, but I think it will pick up in the spring.

It is about time that our brothers at Appleton were getting a line to the Worker and show the boys they are still alive.

Bro. Thos. Lennen, of No. 85, arrived here last week from the west and has gone to work for the Sheboygan County Telephone Co.

Local 187 is still young in the business, but all traveling brothers with a card will be welcome here.

Wishing all brothers success, I am,

Yours respectfully,

ROBT. WATERS, P. S.

Local Union No. 189.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 3, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I would like to inquire the whereabouts of Bill Bodewig, P. Carpenter and Buck Moore, and wish they would let me hear from them as soon as possible.

I want to thank Jack Brandon and his gang of men for the money they sent me from Pensacola. Also the brothers of No. 17 for the able manner in which they have

helped me since losing my foot. Address
405 Highland avenue.

Yours fraternally,
DANNIE McMANUS.

Local Union No. 193.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 8, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

This is my first attempt and, as it is rather late, I will only write a few lines to let you know that we are (using a slang expression) there with the goods and we are going to have a new telephone system.

Bro. Beard has left for the sunny south to spend a few weeks.

We elected officers as follows:

Pres.—R. L. Flannigan.

Vice-Pres.—E. Hill.

Rec. Sec.—J. Mansfield.

Fin. Sec.—H. M. Logan.

Treas.—W. H. Sammons.

Insp.—J. K. Van Doren.

Trvstees—Ed. Kavanaugh, S. Dillard.

Delegates to Federation of Labor—S. Dillard, H. M. Logan, R. L. Flannigan.

Fraternally yours,
PAUL TRABTE, P. S.

Local Union No. 198.

Shreveport, La., Jan. 1, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Hully gee! Here it is the new year and all kinds of business to look after and only poor me to do the writing for the next six months. But the brothers say I must, so I will do what I can.

I think if the members of the I. B. in general do not get to work and upbuild what they have lost, we will be in the soup. Not that I think the I. B. is losing out with the public, but the members seem to lose interest and do not care how things go. That is not right, nor is it right to throw slurs at other locals or members. If you cannot do good, do nothing at all but keep talking the cause and thinking how the brotherhood can be bettered.

By looking over last month's Worker you can see some locals howling about the negro and how the gainers in the south have to contend with him, and some locals offer advice how to overcome the trouble. Again you can see locals throwing mud and making just as much noise as possible about some personal affair that should not

appear at all. I say stop; look far ahead at the conditions of wages that are sure to come if organized labor does not prevent it. Get all the laboring men together and elect an honest man to any political office that will help to uphold wages.

We have the Chinese in the west, the negro in the south and most any old thing in the north and east, still a great many await for a few to do all the thinking. If you are going to have a local, have one to be proud of or none at all. Pay your dues, make your officers do their duty and keep on hustling just as you did when you first rode the goat. Remember your obligation. Don't think you are doing it all, or the other fellow is trying to do so, but join hands and pull together. Above all things get out of the squabble you are in.

Now to come home or speak of home, it has been said we have not a charter here. You bet we have and at last got things to something like shape.

Work here is not much. All the boys, both inside and outside, are working, but that is all. Would not advise any brother to come this way.

Bro. C. M. Paulson, of Chicago, is here running a gang for the C. T. & T. Co. Bros. Dan McKay, McKenzie, Reeves and Moore are also here from that part of the world. Some twenty or thirty brothers passed through, but there were so many I could not get their names. Good luck to you, brothers.

Our new officers are as follows:

Pres.—A. Dill.

Vice-Pres.—Wm. Reeves.

Rec. Sec.—B. A. Stephens.

Fin. Sec.—Dan S. McKay.

Treas.—J. E. Couch.

Inspts.—J. L. Thomson, McKenzie.

Foreman—E. E. Matherland.

Trustee—McKenzie.

Press Sec.—B. A. Stephens.

If I don't get it too hot about this letter will try again next month. Good luck to all brothers, and long and prosperous life to the I. B. and members.

Fraternally yours,
B. A. STEPHENS, P. S.

Local Union No. 202.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 3, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The trimmers of Local 202, Seattle, Wash., after looking over the December

Worker saw nothing of Local 77 in print, so came to the conclusion it was time for us to wake up and let No. 49 know there is another trimmers' union in existence. There are eleven of us, all in good standing, and not a scab trimmer amongst any of them. At present only nine of us are working. At our meetings we all hold high offices, being so few in number.

Here is a list of officers elected:

Pres.—B. W. Bowen.

Rec. Sec.—R. Douglas.

Fin. Sec.—I. H. Brickley.

We have no press secretary, so I am requested to write up a line. As this is my first attempt at writing to the Worker, you must excuse short letter. Wishing all a happy New Year, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

I. H. BRICKLEY, F. S.

Local Union No. 205.

Jackson, Mich., Jan. 7, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

This is my first letter but I will try and give you all the news.

The boys here are a jolly lot and we have a fine local for the short time we have been running. The People's Tel. Co. has laid all of their men off, but I don't know how long it will last. Most of the boys are here yet but feel rather sore, as they thought their jobs were steady. They were getting \$2.50 per day.

Jack Trost was the first to leave town. Think he started for Toledo. He would like to hear from Joe Ducly. Joe, please say a word or two for the sake of Jack and all of us.

The Bell Co. boys are all working here yet but can't tell how long it will last, so if there is any work open don't fail to say something about it. I think the People's Co. didn't do just right. The men have been paid off now about two weeks and free lunch counters will suffer if things don't start up soon.

We started our local Sept. 19, 1901, have about forty members and have good attendance at the meetings. All seem to take great interest in it.

The Bell Co. isn't doing any new work here at present. We are all pleased over the way Toledo has arranged business. That is the way we want it everywhere.

If there is any show for work for good union men just speak right out and let us know, for there is always some one out of work.

We installed these officers last Thursday night, Jan. 2:

Pres.—Ed. Kelly.

Vice-Pres.—M. A. Charlton.

Fin. Sec.—Frank Layher.

Rec. Sec.—E. Widman.

Press Sec.—F. G. Cummings.

Treas.—C. Layher.

Inspts.—E. Osborn and Geo. Taylor.

Foreman—Chas. Griffin.

I heard to-day all the boys of the new company had left town and we wish them the best of luck.

F. G. CUMMINGS, Press Sec.

Local Union No. 206.

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Our P. S. is very popular with the fair sex and doesn't have much time for journalism. He asked me to write this for him, as otherwise his scalp is in danger.

Things are somewhat quiet here, as the Northern Const. Co. is about through rebuilding the exchange, but the boys are all working, and should a brother come this way with the green in sight he is pretty apt to catch on. We have several miles of toll lines to build yet, and the Bell gang is about through at Huntington. I will be here again in a few days to string more cable.

Hello, No. 80! What is the matter with your R. S.? Has he lost an arm or is he suffering from rheumatism? Our R. S. has written him two letters and has not received any answer, so we will take that matter up with the E. B.

Hello, Bro. Mack! I see you roused the sleeping ones. Good luck to you; hope you will keep them awake.

Bro. Geo. Hughes, the invincible, has succumbed to the charms of the fair sex and congratulations are now in order.

There is one thing more I'd like to write about, the fellows in our brotherhood who are nothing more than impositions. They won't work any place a week at a time, never pay a board bill or any other bill they can beat, and at every town they strike they hunt up some brother and give

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him a hard luck story and, if he isn't on to the racket, he is usually taken in. They call themselves floaters, but are nothing more than bums. They give our order a bad name and an honest floater is disgraced by them. I don't mean to cast any reflections on our good floating brothers, but it's this class who never work anywhere longer than a week or two, are tanked up all the time they are working, and expect the brothers to help them out of town. I would like some brother to suggest some way by which we might get rid of such men.

Hello, Sneed; if this catches your eye drop me a line, P. O. box 190, Charleston, W. Va.

We are picking up a few stray ones occasionally, have three applications to act on at our next meeting, and ex-Bro. Ally has several in his flock he will turn over to us when he gets back here. With best wishes to the brotherhood at large,

Yours respectfully,

R. P. JONES.

Local Union No. 212.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 6, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Our press secretary having been sorely troubled with "writer's cramps" ever since the inside electrical workers of Cincinnati were granted their charter, and still being under the doctor's (?) treatment for same, he has asked me to send a letter on for him this month as we want to start the new year right.

No. 212 is very much alive. During the short time of its existence we have gained three new members and have several more on the list whom we expect to land shortly; besides this we have a hustling dance committee out and on Jan. 18th will hold our first annual mask and dress ball, hoping by this means to put our treasury on a good foundation.

Nos. 30 and 212 are working hand in hand in the matter of organizing the city. It is proposed by these two locals to push the matter until Cincinnati will no longer be said to be the worst city in the union for the electrician to work in but among the best. To this end the locals have united in putting a business agent in the field with instructions to go after every-

thing. Remember, boys, no one man can organize a city, especially when the conditions confront him that we have to contend with in this city. Every man must put his shoulder to the wheel. A word now and then will help your business agent when he gets to your man. Make out lists of men known to you with their business address and hand same to him. If you are out of employment do not expect him to hunt you up and get a position for you. Hunt him up; his business is to know if there are any companies wanting men and to be able to assist you.

We installed officers Monday night, Jan. 6th, and we are sorry to see the first president of our organization, Bro. Rost, decline to serve again. In the selection of his successor we have a man long known in labor circles in this city, Bro. Cullen, who will pilot the local through some trying times and from past records will be capable of the task.

Work is a little slack but the contractors are preparing for a busy season, which they think will open up before long.

C. E. R.

Local Union No. 216.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 30, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I suppose you will be surprised to hear from No. 216. This being my first attempt, reader, please be as light as possible in your criticism.

On Nov. 28, Bro. W. B. Martyn, our well known hero of many years, called the boys together in open meeting and gave us a talk, which resulted in us organizing with 29 members. We have every man from the K. & I. Tel. Co. and all but two from the Cumberland Co., also city electrician. We are waking the boys up and have the Pfeiffer Construction Co. solid.

Bro. Bones Kennedy was here to see the big show. Come again, Bones, and stay longer next time. Please let us hear from you, as you disappeared rather suddenly.

The scab Folson, who was here with the street car company, has left for parts unknown. He came here from Indianapolis. Brothers, no doubt some of you have met him.

Bros. Davis and Rahley recently went to Henderson to work. Let us hear from

you, boys. Bro. Dan Sullivan is with us at present. Bro. Lloyd left for home a few days ago. Don't forget us, Calamity.

All brothers with paid up cards are welcome here. Bro. Chas. Bodyse is here from No. 183. We had to call him down when he started to work. We told him he would have to produce the goods, which he did. Bro. Robt. Gibson from No. 16 was with us last meeting.

Bro. Robt. Tanner, our beloved treasurer, is in Louisville spending the holidays. We understand he had bad luck shortly after his arrival there by falling into a cistern. We hope that it didn't make him sick.

Bro. Rausley is in Evansville, Ind., for the holidays.

Bro. Rufus Lee says you must have a ticket if you want to stay with him. Bro. Lee is Cumberland Co.'s foreman.

Bro. Abe Hartley and his gang were tied up at Cannelton, Ind., but have moved now. Where are you, Hartley?

We want to extend our sincere thanks to Bro. Sherman for his promptness in sending our charter. He seems to be all business and we are proud of him.

Bro. Hagan has taken his traveling card. We understand that he is in Frankfort, Ky. Treat him right, brothers.

Bro. W. D. Johnson was up from Henderson last week and attended our regular meeting, but returned the same night. Call again, Johnson.

The Street Car Co. has a new superintendent. We haven't met him yet. It is Roderic, from Indianapolis.

No. 216 is just what was so long needed and we are here to stay. We expect to add quite a number of members to our list very soon.

We have elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

Pres.—Mostyn Martyn.

Vice-Pres.—H. D. Story.

Treas.—R. L. Tanner.

Rec. Sec.—I. P. Johnson.

Fin. Sec.—Wm. Kellams.

Press Sec.—E. L. Mitchell.

Our little trouble is all over and everybody is at work. Not a man turned back on telegrams to other cities to keep boys away. Brothers, we are looking forward to a happy future. We are glad to hear of

the great good the brotherhood is doing throughout the land. May it continue so until we can command a salary of which so many are worthy.

Yours respectfully,

E. L. MITCHELL, P. S.

Local Union No. 218.

Sharona, Pa., Jan. 7, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I got word from Rube at Swantown that he did not think he would be able to send in his usual letter, and he asked me to do a little something in the line of a letter just to let a few of the folks know how we are a-doing in this part of the country. We got together last Saturday evening, held a seance, and made up our minds we needed a charter here, so we collected enough finances from seven of the good and true to send to Bro. Sherman, who deals in all those union fixin's, and have him to send one on by way of the U. S. mail.

There are now located in and around here about 35 linemen and inside men, and there would be room for more if the Light Co. could get material and poles, so I hear. At present I don't think it would be advisable to come this way, as things are looking kind of poor. Several of the old-timers are here and quite a few have called, paid their respects and gone on.

Bro. Cosgrove, of Anna Rammel fame, has returned from an extended eastern tour and is permanently located again. Van Cise and Tom Callon are taking all the talent they can get to fill the list of the Siers & Hines Comedy Co. Their latest addition is Bro. Charles Ault of No. 39. He does a heavy act, I believe. They are booked to appear before the Cozy Club of Erie, Pa., in the near future.

Hoping I may be able to send you the names of our officers in my next, I will close.

Yours,

KID.

Local Union No. 220.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 9, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I suppose, brothers, this letter will be so near the back of the book that your pipes will be smoked out and you will be nodding in the chair before you get to this page. We were part of 44, and consist of

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the trimmers of this city. We believe in classing all trades by themselves. At first, when a trimmer or lineman spoke of it, he was accused of trying to "bust" 44, but when the time came these agitators were thanked for it.

We consist of over 50 members and our dues is 75 cents a month. I believe when our by-laws are approved we will not pay as many weeks' sick benefits as No. 44. Twenty-five weeks at \$5 a week is too much for only 60 cents dues.

We will always have a warm spot in our hearts for Locals 44 and 86. We wish to thank Local 44 for the money presented to us the last night we were with them, and you bet it will not soon be forgotten.

Our election and installation of officers took place last meeting. After the smoke of battle cleared away we found we had elected some who never held office before. It was arranged that no member hold two offices.

Brothers of 49, I did not get Mr. Hickey's letter until Jan. 8th. It will be read at the next meeting, but will be pretty well passed around before then. To say we were glad to hear from you would be putting it light. I hope you will get all the trimmers in line before long. I do not see how so many can take advantage of what you are fighting for without giving their aid.

We want an organizer sent to Buffalo, Chicago and other large cities to bring the lamp trimmers together and lift us out of the mud. I have often heard linemen and inside wiremen say, "Oh, he is only a cheap trimmer." Only a few years ago you were only a cheap lineman, until organization raised your pay, and we want the same thing.

Now, Bro. Press Secretary of 49, let you and I pound and knock until other crafts take trimmers into their union, as I know in some places they do not want to mix their local with them.

Bro. Nicholas Devreaux gave us an interesting talk, and stated a soap manufacturer would present us a frame for our charter valued at \$10, but wanted a committee to go and pick it out. We sincerely thank the soap company for its generous offer.

We are sorry Bro. McIntosh lost his little girl, aged 5. It seems to us he has had

his share of trouble. You have the sympathy of us all, Bro. McIntosh. We are also sorry to hear that Bro. Patrick Cotter, the first trimmer to join 44, is sick with typhoid pneumonia, and hope he will soon recover.

Bro. Kehoe has only missed three meetings of 44 since 1893. A good record.

Our officers are:

Pres.—N. Devreaux.

Vice-Pres.—John Greenwood.

Fin. Sec.—E. Thompson.

Rec. Sec.—Charles McGovern.

Treas.—Fred Miller.

Inspector—W. McCorgle.

Foreman—Joe Richard.

Press Sec.—W. J. Clarke.

Trustees—Chas. Owens, Shulik Harned.

Delegates to Central Trade and Labor Council—F. M. Kehoe, D. Miller, W. J. Clarke, J. Kearns.

W. J. CLARKE
Press Secy.

Additional Locals

Local Union No. 5.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 7, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I earnestly hope that each local will have a letter in every month. That is what the Worker is for, to keep the entire brotherhood informed of the conditions in each city, to discuss objects of general interest and last, but not least, to thoroughly inculcate unionism, and bring into active participation, all persons who may read our letters.

Our newspapers would be a powerful influence indeed if they confined themselves to yelling, "Hello, Bill," etc., at each other. Socialibility, I will admit, is one of the strongest factors to our success, if we have it in the right way and the right place, but I hardly think our Worker is intended for street corner gossip.

We have just passed through an exceedingly spirited election. Following are the successful ones:

Pres.—Charles H. Camp.

Vice-Pres.—Edw. Herpst.

Rec. Sec.—J. Haskins.

Fin. Sec.—A. S. Bovard.

Bus. Ag't—J. J. Zimmer.

Press Sec.—C. H. Camp.

Foreman—Harry Kenedy.

Board of Directors—Jas. Bowen, chairman.

Board of Examiners—Theodore Butler, Robert Brogan, O. R. Hastings.

It is my earnest hope that each officer elected will do his whole duty without exception, and that each member of No. 5 will give them their fullest and heartiest support. If we have had great success in the past without an entire unity of action what glorious successes we will have if we do, from now on, act as a unit. Do not for one moment think of letting any personal differences hold you back. Just consider that you are in this movement for your own good and how foolish you are to let anyone keep you from getting your full share of benefit. If we let personal differences affect us we will never better our conditions. Let's "get together good."

The failure to get the stamp system in vogue promptly is going to confuse us no little bit. We pay our dues three months in advance and unless we wait until the next quarter it will entail a great amount of work to adopt it. Also, we are still sailing around under the old password. I have not studied geography lately, but I think Pittsburg is still on the map. This puts me in mind of the new constitution. Where is the dope being smoked at? We had our vote in a couple of months ago.

For fear I am, in my maiden effort, establishing too much of a reputation as a kicker I will close.

Fraternally yours,
CHARLES H. CAMP.

Local Union No. 6.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 19, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Our local is in a flourishing condition, although heavily drained by assisting the striking unions.

Our fat, bald-headed delegate, H. I. C., returned home safe and sound, "Hail Chief," with only \$14 incidentals. He could not have treated our eastern brothers in California style or he would have sold his ticket and walked home. But then he was tired—have known him for the past 12 years and he has always had that feeling.

Bro. Gale got lost in the I. C. and has not yet put in an appearance. He is in North Carolina, looking for California weather and no earthquakes.

The following officers were elected for the next term:

Pres.—A. E. Drendell.

V.-P.—J. E. Fiaudt.

R. S.—Robert A. Simmons.

F. S.—E. Schlessinger.

Treas.—W. Ludolph.

P. S.—Ed. R. H. Smith.

Trus.—Ernest Herguet.

Foreman—John J. Ortuer.

Insp.—Fred Smith and C. Renwick.

Business Agent—R. G. "Smart" Alexander.

This local also wishes it distinctly understood by all members of the I. B. E. W. that they never had one cent of any money charged to this local for strike fund and never knew that Local No. 6 ever asked for any money for strike benefit. We have made but two demands, one for \$3 and eight hours July 1, 1900, and received it and one for \$3.50 and eight hours and received it also July 1, 1901, thanks to our Building Trades Council. Los Angeles, 161 received \$3.00 but the other \$2.00 ask me; ask him. Or ask anybody. No one seems to know.

This local will install the officers Jan. 4, 1902. Grand turkey and everything of the best that the market can afford; hot coffee.

Notice—No booze allowed on the ground. Come boys, join us. More in the market. Leave the rest for our press secretary. Hail Scout!

GUESS.

Local Union No. 9.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 8, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

News of any importance is rather scarce around the Windy City. Of course we are still fighting Sabin and his colleagues, and from the present outlook we will be doing battle until the snow digger bids farewell to the sunny South. The telephone service has become so rotten that the patrons of the Chicago Telephone Co. have been forced to pass up the 'phone and secure the services of a messenger boy, being far the quickest way of transacting business.

A new company is after a franchise, and we believe the city council will grant it without delay. Competition will bring them to time in many ways. First, they will be forced to furnish adequate service, and to do so will be compelled to hire competent linemen. Those finks the W. U. and Postal Tel. Co. have been furnishing the Tel. Co. with don't know, a No. 10 wire from a 25-pair cable.

I tried to call up a 'phone on the west side a short time ago just to see if I could raise the hello girl, as I had previously tried ten 'phones and was unable to get Central. This one, to my surprise, worked—that is, the sounder on some telegraph instrument was very busy about that time. I looked up when I got outside and saw a scab tied to a cross-arm with a hand-line, who was trying to tap the Tel. drop in a W. U. loop. That is the kind of work they do.

By an oversight No. 39's name did not appear in the list of sister locals which contributed to us. I would like to say, although rather a late hour to bring up such an important favor, about the time we went on strike Bro. Geo. Schmidtkone, a worthy member of No. 9, was taken sick in Cleveland, and No. 39 has, from the time the brother was stricken, kept a careful watch over him, and our secretary has received letters from Cleveland stating that Bro. Schmidtkone wanted for nothing since taken ill. No. 39 has spent about \$150 caring for our brother. So you see No. 39 has done more to help our cause than any of our other worthy sister locals. There is not a local but has given an account of itself.

No. 134, I wish to apologize to you, as you have been slighted in the same way 39 was. No. 134 was the first to give us aid, and has been with us heart and soul from the start. Brothers, you will never be forgotten by No. 9, and we hope to be able to help you if you ever find yourself in the condition we are in at present.

We have elected and installed our officers for the ensuing term. Here are their names—to say that they will make ideal officers is useless, for they are too well known, throughout the country for comment:

Pres.—Wm. Hicks.

Vice-Pres.—M. J. Gavin.
Rec. Sec.—Jas. L. Collins.
F. S. and Bus. Agent—P. E. Cullinan.
Foreman—Frank W. (Kid) Mattlin.
Delegate to Chicago Federation of Labor—W. A. Jackson, G. P.

The locals that have contributed to our cause since our last list was sent in are:

No. 194, Shreveport, La.	\$22 00
" 201, Appleton, Wis.	15 00
" 94, San Diego, Cal.	15 00
" 191, Everett, Wash.	28 00
" 142, Utica, N. Y.	10 00
" 4, New Orleans, La.	61 00
" 134, Chicago	100 00

Brothers of Rochester, N. Y. 12 00
Hello, No. 4! I do wish you could have your way with Sabin, and I'd like to be with you about the time you arrived at the deep place.

Hello, Denver! Same to you.

Yours fraternally,

A. E. JACKSON,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 10.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 6, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As Bro. Dudley, our P. S., has gone to Toledo to install a plant, I have been asked to write the letter to the Worker this month. As this is the season of the year when all good people resolve to be better and the coal man raises the price of coal 50c. per ton, No. 10, in the desire to emulate old-time traditions, has resolved to start the new year with a new set of officers. Whether it will be for better or worse the future alone can tell. At one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings of the year the following members were elected:

Pres.—Thos. H. Fobes.
Vice-Pres.—David Fryer.
Rec. Sec.—B. F. Royse.
Fin. Sec.—Will F. Clark.
Treas.—A. C. Phipps.
Foreman—Chas. Smith.
Inspectors—C. A. Hayes and J. E. Fleming.

No. 10 was never in a more prosperous condition than at present and, while business is not over brisk, there are no members idle so far as I have learned. The C. U. Tel. Co., in an endeavor to induce their

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men to go to Chicago to work, has sent a letter to all their foremen throughout the state instructing them to send their men there, and are laying off all the men they can spare with the expectation that they will seek work in the only place where in their estimation they can get it. Indiana is too well organized for such a plan to be successful, and I am pleased to state they have not secured a man; at least I have not heard of any going to Chicago. We have been asked so often for information in reference to the status of affairs in Chicago that our business agent has written to G. P. Jackson several times, but as yet he has not even acknowledged the receipt of the letters.

The appeal of our G. T. in behalf of Bro. Burnett is certainly a commendable one and should meet a hearty response from every member of the brotherhood. Bro. Burnett endeared himself to every delegate at the convention by his unselfish devotion and fidelity to the brotherhood. He did not devote his time in seeking for office or in an attempt to build a wall around the locality he represented, but he devoted his energies to the best interests of the entire brotherhood. He was oil on the waters so to speak and did more to create harmony and cement still further our fraternal relations than any delegate present. I hope the members will accept the assurance of one who knows it is a worthy cause and allow your sympathy to assume a substantial form by contributing 25 or 50 cents and we will be able to place him on his feet by his next birthday.

Of the many interesting letters that appear in the Worker each month there is none so interesting and instructive as those from the pen of the diminutive and inimitable Dan Ellsworth, of No. 17. To those who know him his letters are a revelation; brim full of humor when he intends them to be pathetic and bristling with satire and sarcasm. He displays the genius of the deep student of economic subjects that is so rarely found in the labor movement. Should No. 17 ever rouse themselves from their lethargy long enough to recognize his merit I predict you will yet hear from him through other sources than the columns of the Worker.

The year just closed has certainly been

a history-making one and labor has done its share in contributing to the cause for the dissemination of literature for the education of the coming generations. The most important event of the year from a labor standpoint has been the conference between Mark Hanna, Sam Gompers and other labor leaders and the Civic Federation in the city of New York to devise ways and means (mostly means) to better harmonize labor and capital. The result of that meeting is very gratifying to capital if the reports of the subsidized press is any criterion. After the representatives of labor and capital and the Civic Federation finished patting each other on the back they resolved to appoint a committee to take a hand in all important labor controversies that occur and by the force of public opinion and the subsidized press force a settlement on the party that they decide is in the wrong without resorting to a strike. That committee consists of twelve representatives of capital with an equal number from labor's ranks, but as each side would naturally be prejudiced in favor of the particular interests they represented it was necessary to appoint some one else to hold the balance of power and cast the deciding vote so they decided to appoint twelve men to represent the dear public. The reputation of the twelve representatives of the dear public as labor champions does not give much encouragement to labor in the settlement of disputes. The arbiters of justice are headed by the Hon. Grover Cleveland, the originator of government by injunction policy of settling labor disputes, whose example is being so universally followed by judges since he passed into "innocuous desuetude." The other eleven have never grown red in the face shouting for labor's cause and how labor can expect justice from a committee of that character is more than I can see, for while labor is feasting their eyes upon the goal of their financial emancipation with sublime faith in the brotherhood of man, capital is wielding the fetters and binding them tighter than ever, for such is the kingdom of capital.

THOS. H. FORBES.

Local Union No. 12.

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 4, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Happy New Year to all members of the

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I. B. E. W., and may the year 1902 bring to you success and happiness.

Let every man put his shoulder to the wheel and push; push for the success of our grand and glorious organization, and on the closing of this year we are bound to be where we belong, on the topmost pinnacle.

Bro. Kelley of No. 20, let me congratulate you on your write-up of the "nigger" in the December Worker—correct in every particular, and every self-respecting man will agree with you. The saying that "all men are created equal" didn't mean that mules, gorillas and "knob-heads" should be placed on a social equal with white men.

Work will be good here when spring opens up, as the Traction and Tel. Cos. will do a great deal of rebuilding.

The ball given for the benefit of Bro. John White's widow proved the most successful affair of anything of the kind ever attempted in Pueblo. Too much credit cannot be given to genial "Billy" Meagher, who, though not a member of our craft, worked like a Trojan to make of it the success it was.

You fellows that haven't any idea of Pueblo, listen to this: Pueblo is a city of 50,000 inhabitants and one of the largest industrial centers west of the Mississippi. The steel works employ from 5,000 to 6,000 men and the three smelters about the same number. Most of this labor is foreign and unorganized, something we can't boast of. Outside of the steel works and smelters all classes of labor are organized and in A 1 shape. The labor unions are organizing a Union Employment Bureau, and from present appearances it will be a grand success.

Brothers, during the year 1902 talk unionism to all not in the fold. Don't try to make any man join, but simply show him the advantages to be derived from being a union man. To illustrate: We have a man in Pueblo who at the time No. 12 was organized drew a salary of \$60 a month and now is drawing \$90 for exactly the same work. This man acknowledges the union did it and still refuses to join us because he don't believe in unions. If this isn't returning evil for good then what is it? Until next month

Yours fraternally,
CLYDE JORDAN.

Local Union No. 13.

El Paso, Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Everything is running very smoothly with our local. We have about 15 floaters working at present and there has probably been 100 pass through in the last two months.

I see Bro. J. J. Reid says in the December Worker that the boys in his local are going to get into politics for keeps, but they will do it independently of the I. B. E. W. Bro. Reid, you are on the right track, and I think should do all in your power to get all locals to think as you do, for until the laboring man is made aware of the fact that through his vote lies his only hope for betterment, we will always have strikes and lockouts. Labor unions have done a great amount of good in the past, but what a world of good they could accomplish in just one year if their energies were rightly applied. It is a mistaken idea to think labor unions can gain their ends by letting the capitalist control our law-making. Does any person think millions are spent for a seat in Congress for the honor. The parties that spread their money for seats in Congress know they are making a very good investment and will get their money back three-fold through favorable legislation they will be able to secure by being a member of Congress. The day will come when the labor unions will have to close up shop or get into politics and I think it is time the I. B. E. W. should make a break, get in on the ground floor and show the rest of the world that we are progressive and up to date. The Standard Oil Co. has taken a hand in the copper production of the United States and the members of 13 can see with their own eyes the effects of their work for since the price of copper has dropped the Federal Smelter at this place has shut down indefinitely, which I think will start a few people to thinking. It takes just such knocks to jar loose the grey matter in some people's heads. One thing happened which was very pleasing to me and that is the billion dollar fish are eating the million dollar fish, which shows that they are tired of the \$3 per day fry. Boys, the trusts have grown so that it takes more to keep them than it used to and as they

get bigger it is going to take still more and there is going to be a battle among whales some day and when the smoke clears away there will be just one left and that will be the Standard Oil Co. and they will have control of every means of production. Just as soon as the copper trust can convince the miners that they have got control of the copper, which won't be very long, up will go the price of copper and the consumer will have to pay for all losses sustained in their fight. Some day the government may step in and take in all the trusts and run them for the benefit of all the people, but it is up to the laboring man. Just as long as he likes the present conditions they will never change, for he is the only one that can change them. All that has to be done is to get him started and it won't take long for him to make a change, but how to get him to see his way out of his present condition is the problem to be overcome. Probably these lines may convince some one and if they do I will feel amply repaid for writing them.

Brothers, press secretaries and all brothers not press secretaries, if you think you have good ideas send them to the Worker. It is every member's duty to his fellow man to help him all he can. Perhaps some brother who has never written anything in his life is just the brother that has the right kind of ideas.

Wishing the brotherhood and all locals a prosperous year I remain.

Yours, etc.
JNO. BLAKE.

Local Union No. 17.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

A happy New Year to you and the rest of the electrical workers, and let me apologize for this, my maiden attempt at reportorial work, so you know what you are up against, and you don't need to wade through it unless you feel like it.

We had installation of officers last Thursday night, and think they are a bunch of crackerjacks. Each man was chosen for his especial adaptability to his respective office. They are:

Pres.—John Woods.
Vice-Pres.—Dan. Chisholm.

Rec. Sec.—Edward Smith.
Fin. Sec.—Edward Hensen.
Treas.—Geo. Burns.
Foreman—Wm. McLean.
Inspector—"Scotty" Elliot.
Trustee—Wm. Wright.

Bro. Frank Cubiac is able to be around the house on crutches, and his many friends will be pleased to learn that the loss of three toes is not going to disable him to any great extent, and that he will be cutting the high places in the spring.

Bro. Charles Pullen slipped on the icy pavement two weeks ago and sprained his ankle. Though better now, he makes a good "grunt."

Bro. Crummie is improving, and was moved from the sanitarium to his home last week.

At the convention the constitution and by-laws committee was ordered by a majority vote of the delegates assembled to bring in an amendment taking the grand president and grand secretary off the executive committee, so that it might be submitted to a referendum vote—and there's where it died. Let me for one say the G. P. and G. S. have no business on that committee, which is our court of last resort, and their influence may injure us at some future time as it has in the past, viz., when Past G. P. Wheeler said, "The rank and file are not competent to vote intelligently on this subject, and therefore I refuse to submit the matter to a referendum vote." If they were off of this committee it would be a good thing for the brotherhood.

In regard to the referendum vote, it is simply a farce, the way it is carried on now. First, because Windsor or Ypsilanti with a membership of less than 50 brothers gets an equal vote with New York. Is that fair?

No. 17 and others don't just like the way the delegates assembled in convention donated the dollars and thousands of dollars of our money away, no matter how deserving the cause may be. The members of the locals should all have a say, and not one or two of each local say what shall or shall not be done with the money of the Brotherhood. Think over this and take some action on it.

I am requested by my local to ask the

different locals of Ohio, Indiana and Michigan to write to the Northern Construction Co. of Ohio, requesting them to discharge one Jim Cummins, known as "Scabby" Cummins, now at Howell, Mich. Brothers, this is one of the most disreputable scabs in the country, and we ask you to use your influence directly or indirectly to have him taken out of our state, as we want none of him or his kind. And further say that if the Northern people do not grant our joint request in this matter that we certainly shall use every effort to keep them from getting any more contracts.

The People's Telephone Co. here is at a dead stand-still, and we are at a loss to say just what the real cause is. It might be either of two things. The mayor of Detroit is agitating a municipal telephone plant, and had several experts from different places come here to give council pointers, and it is just possible that the People's Co. don't care to go further until the council gets off the fence. Or it may be the financial trouble of the Everett-Moore syndicate that is holding them. So, brothers, don't come "a snow digging" here until you hear from me again, for it's on the remediable.

M. J. GRANT,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 19.

Atchison, Kan., Jan. 7, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Here is one from Local 19; quite a while since you heard from us.

Work is plentiful at present, has been for some time, and looks as if it will keep up all winter. The Bell Co. is doing lots of work here, and has about fourteen men working.

We gave a ball on New Year's eve and it was successful both financially and socially. We are going to give a masquerade ball soon and wish you could all be here and join us.

Our town is getting up to date; the Postal Co. is putting in a call circuit.

How is 176? I have not heard from one of them since leaving there, but I met Bro. Gallont last week, who said there were a few left yet.

This is very short, but I will try and do better next time.

Yours fraternally,
W. BELL.

Local Union No. 21.

Philadelphia, Jan. 8, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

We are still moving upwards, step by step, and will surely get to the top some day, but it is pretty hard for a brother to go out and see a rat take his job when there is all kinds of work and companies wanting men all the time. They prefer to scab rather than to work some place where there is no trouble on. We have only a few linemen working against us and there are probably 10 or 15 trimmers to do E. L. work, but they cannot do a great deal and what they will do more or less has to be done over, as they say it is awful to have such men working on hot wires.

I notice a brother from Mexico says he is glad we have the \$3. Sorry to say we have not got it, but will live in hopes it may come soon.

L. U. 21 is surely deserving of winning our strike and, as Spring will soon be here and a great deal of work in sight is promised for them, I do not see anything in the way of our holding it indefinitely if we cannot get justice. Our membership has been growing continually for the past three months, and we have a large meeting every Friday. A great many brothers are in the country and cannot get into meetings as regularly as though working in the city.

I notice one thing I don't approve of, our official journal being sent to anyone for \$1 per year unless connected with some labor organization, as some official of a company could have our journal sent to his address. I think this should be made impossible.

I wish all the good in the world to the brothers of No. 9. We surely have it hard enough for what little we get. I see in a paper the officials of Chicago say they can make a lineman in six months and I presume they have their hands full trying to make them just now, as they need them pretty badly. The E. L. Cos. of Philadelphia are needing them pretty badly and are offering \$3 to the trimmers and anybody can get just what he asks if he only goes to work. A man from Buffalo went to work this morning and quit at 2 p. m., as soon as I saw him. He talks like a

gent, although he is still young at the business.

Bro. Check, L. U. 39, please excuse me for not writing. I do not know Joe's address. He is working for Bell Tel. Co. in the D. & A. Dist. Send a letter to me and I will hand it to him. Address 1308 Drury St., Philadelphia.

Bro. John O'Leary met with a severe accident some five weeks ago. He fell 37 feet, lighting on his head and shoulder, fracturing his head and breaking his collar bone and shoulder blade. He is out of the hospital and is feeling pretty good.

Our newly elected officers are:

Pres.—Chas. Stocksleger.

V. Pres.—John McDougall.

Fin. Sec.—R. H. Kellar.

Rec. Sec.—Robt. Russell.

Treas.—Jess. Rodgers.

Foreman—Chas. Kirk.

Insp.—Thomas Rodgers and T. J. Murphy.

Trustees—A. B. DuBois, Wm. Ford and J. J. Birmingham.

Press Sec.—R. H. Kellar.

Good luck to all.

Faternally yours,

R. H. K.

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 26.

Washington, Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

January 1st saw us start in on our new scale, \$3.50 per eight hours and double time for overtime. Of course we don't expect any bouquets thrown at us, but think we are proper subjects for congratulations.

We are not very busy at present, but manage to keep nearly all our men at work, and may be able to invite a few of our brothers in other cities to come along next spring. There is a rumor current that Bro. Dave Rabbitt is growing restless again. So look out, Chicago, he threatens to break in on 134.

We are again confronted with another bill in congress to make us pass a civil service exam. before we can work at our trade in Washington. This interests you all, brothers, and "'nuff ced," after advising you that you have representation in congress, we poor slaves have none.

I notice there is a movement on foot to arrange to present Harvey Burnett with a pair of artificial limbs. I know of no worthier object for the consideration of our locals, and 26 will do her bit you can rest assured. Say, Harvey, do you remember when you rolled off that chair and I thought you had fallen? I often smile at the thought.

Roff, of 134, I got your card and hope you did not get lost on your way back from any ball you attended in Scranton.

Irish Agitator Forbes, have you added Shorty's new word to your vocabulary—"seriatically?"

Last and most unpleasant news, 26 fired me bodily as press agent and elected Bro. Northnagle, who, I feel sure, will do what 26 wants, let the outside world hear of our existence three times a year whether they want to or not.

Wishing you all a prosperous and happy new year, the "Senator" will now go way back and vegetate.

W. E. KENNEDY,

Ex-Press Agt.

Local Union No. 27.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 7, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local 27 gave an oyster roast on Dec. 8, Dan O'Neil judge of ceremonies. The oyster-eating contest came off at 4:30 p. m. The entries were Red Litz and A. J. Murray, with Murray the favorite at two to one sharp, but after the first barrel was finished they began to show signs of fatigue, and finally Murray went down and took the count and Dan declared Red Litz the winner. Murray, at the sound of the music, won the prize waltz. Billhart was on the ground and challenged the winner of the contest for Aug. 1. The local cleared \$900 or ate nine barrels of oysters, just as you would have it.

Morris Donohue came in the other day and took O'Neil away with him. We are sorry to lose people like him.

By the way I hope Mr. Maloney (poor old man of 20) succeeded in getting back with the telephone, even if it did cost him a little, for I hate to see him have to go back to the farm, for I expect to get old some day myself.

I see my friend Bullis still sticks to ma-

majority rules and that he still roasts the people about wearing good clothes. Well, Bullis, if you knew how to place your money you would not have to wear St. Louis jeans.

Things around Baltimore are dull at present, but expect to boom soon.

How are you getting along, No. 9? We all hope you will win; you will, if you only stick. Don't be afraid of the scabs. They can't do you harm, for they really do the company in the end.

Would like very much to know the whereabouts of R. F. Brennan.

Local 27 elected officers. Bro. Dan McQuadrin, formerly of 20, for president, and the rest of the officers of equal good quality. Have raised our dues to 75 cts., initiation fees to \$10, and adopted a sick-benefit system whereby members have to belong for three months, in good standing, dues paid in advance, before they are entitled to sick benefits. The system has never been used in 27 before, but as it is a success financially in other locals why should it not be in ours?

Yours truly,

W. F. CONEY,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 37.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 8, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Business is fairly good in and around Hartford, the members of 37 are all at work, and the prospects are encouraging for 1902. The difficulty with the union men and the Hartford Electric Light Co. remains unsettled. They are enabled to do some work by such men as they can pick up. I am pleased to note that recent advertisements in Philadelphia and other papers brought no men. I answered the advertisement in the interest of No. 37 and union men in general, and am still waiting for a reply. In connection with the Hartford Electric Light Co. it might be well to state that they secured the services of a man named Hugh McAdam. He was a member of 37 at one time, and while a member he received injuries which necessitated his removal to the hospital, and was for a long time unable to work. No. 37 carried him along on its books, paid him a weekly allowance of \$5, and put up

money for legal proceedings against the company. McAdam, who was successful, when he received a bunch of money didn't even stop to thank the boys. Lately he has been working for the Southern New England Telephone and living in Hartford. He has been repeatedly asked to join the union, but always had some excuse for not doing so. About three weeks ago he started scabbing for the Hartford Electric Light Co. This morning's papers record an accident in which he came in contact with a live wire, fell 20 feet and received a scalp wound and two badly burned hands. One paper states he narrowly escaped death. It might be a good plan for him to go back to work for the Light Co. and finish the job.

I met the secretary of 186 a day or two ago, who says they are coming to the front in good shape.

Some of 37's members are conspicuous by their absence at regular meetings. We hear from some of our old members occasionally, now members of other locals by card. We are always willing to furnish the necessary transfers and insist on that privilege. There are still one or two members roaming about we will be pleased to accommodate. Secretary Tracy's address has not been changed. The old reliable John keeps pretty good tally, and says he would like to see his books straightened up to the new year, and all old debts by way of dues, etc.

Wishing the brotherhood continued success and all members a happy and prosperous year,

Fraternally,
F. J. SHEEHAN.

Local Union No. 38.

Cleveland, Jan. 8, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

On Jan. 7th we installed the following officers:

Pres.—Bro. Buffington.
Vice-Pres.—Bro. Boynton.
Fin. Sec.—Bro. Exstinghausen.
Rec. Sec.—Bro. Runyan.
Foreman—Bro. Murphy.
Insp.— — — —
Trustee—Bro. Perry.
Press Sec.—Bro. Mackey.

Examining Board.—Bros. Bunton and Love.

We feel that we have elected some of our best members and look for a prosperous, harmonious and forceful administration.

Those of our brothers who do not attend regularly should drop in upon us once in a while, surprise us and see the amount of enthusiasm displayed by the members of Local 38. You know we have always been on top and shall continue to be.

Brothers must remember that the contracts or agreements between your locals and employers expire at various times during the six months and, however well you have attended to your duties, you must begin with renewed energy to support our organization by word and action. Let every brother feel and understand that he has as much right, and it is his duty to give his opinion or offer his suggestions and exercise the right to vote, as any other brother.

We all know that the constitution provides that any member working in the jurisdiction of another local must deposit his traveling card within 30 days in the local under whose jurisdiction he is working. Brothers, some of our locals are not large enough or the craft in that local's jurisdiction is not well enough organized to say to you that "unless you comply with the constitution you must move." If, after attending one of their meetings you find they conduct their business in a loose manner or for some other reason you are dissatisfied and think your local is better than theirs, do not say to some one that "they are a crowd of rummies and you can bet your life here is one scout who will not deposit his traveling card." Instead it is his duty to comply with the constitution and to go into this local and by your greater experience assist these brothers in making their meetings pleasant and successful, and in strengthening their organization. Do not try to dictate at any time, because these brothers have the local's interest too much at heart to "stand for it." Remember every time you do anything by word or action to assist another local you are at the same time assisting your own and benefiting yourself.

Work in Cleveland has been letting up

for some little time past and at present quite a few of the boys are idle, but they need a little rest, as we have had a very prosperous year.

There it goes; a fuse.

E. T. M.,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 39.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 9, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I am aware that the position of press secretary is not an enviable one, for no matter how hard a man strives he cannot please all, but I will try to be fair and abide by the majority.

There has been a rumor circulated that Local 39, of Cleveland, O., has been on the downfall. Surely there must be some mistake, for our local is in a more prosperous condition than it has been for years past. It is true, we had some rotten timber in our building, but we had experts overlook our structure, and they said there was some stuff which must be thrown out. Abiding by their judgment we did so, and put in the finest kind of timber we could get. Here's a list of the material. We secured this stock and had it delivered on the eve of Jan. 2, 1902:

Pres.—F. J. Sullivan.

Vice-Pres.—Frank Chambers.

Fin. Sec.—A. B. Cooley.

Rec. Sec.—C. W. Gechter.

Foreman—W. M. McCarty.

Inspectors—Joe Cuddy, M. Donnelly.

Press Sec.—Ed. F. Gilmore.

Trustee—Ira Mizner.

One rumor circulated has it that No. 39 has busted. There's another rumor coming, watch us spread. At our last meeting I was surprised to see so many old familiar faces, old time friends, the people we all like to meet and the fellows that can give you the grip that comes from the heart. Isn't it good to get that once in a while, boys? It made my heart glad when I saw the sign, "Standing room only." Something you don't see at every meeting. Then hear some folks talk about 39 being on the wane. Come in, fellows, before it's too late. No. 39 has always been the banner local, and is here to defend that title against any other local in the States or Canada.

The trend of trade in Cleveland at the present writing is very dull, but by the time you receive this it might be booming. The Cuyahoga Tel. Co. made another grand slaughter; laid off nearly all the men on construction work. U. S. Tel. Co. did likewise. The Bell and the Cleveland Illuminating Cos. are not doing much, but I guess the boys will pull through safely. Our dance is Feb. 12th, and everybody is hustling for it.

Fraternally,
ED. GILMORE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 42.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker :

There are good prospects for a boom in our line of business in 1902. The Common Council has granted the Utica Home Tel. Co. a franchise and they are going to start in to build just as soon as the weather permits. Between the Central N. Y. Tel. Co. and the Utica Home we look for a lively time in the business.

Old 42 is still on the job and pegging away at the same old stand, so boys if you should be around this way we would be very glad to have you pay us a visit. Our meeting night is the 1st and 3rd Fridays at Labor Temple, cor. of Liberty and Hotel Streets.

It seems to be a very hard matter to get the brothers to the meetings, and for what reasons I can't see. Come, boys, get together and come down and let's improve our attendance. Good boy, Bro. Armstrong, your smiling face and witty ways were very much appreciated at the last meeting. Keep it up, Milt, and do not make it so long before you show up there again.

Bro. Masters, who left us a few weeks ago for a visit to his mother in Detroit, Mich., has returned to his old wigwam and taken up his old job with the Utica Electric Light Co. again.

We elected new officers for 1902 at our last meeting in December and lost a very valuable officer, Bro. Brigham, our F. S., but we hope the brother we have elected to fill his chair will prove as valuable.

Below you will find a list of our new officers for 1902.

Pres.—W. B. McCoy.

V.-Pres.—J. A. Green.

Treas.—C. Richardson.

F. Sec.—C. Reams.

P. and Rec. Sec.—L. D. Lacy.

Foreman—R. A. Peterson.

Inspectors—J. Maier and A. Jordon.

Trustee—E. G. McMinn.

With best wishes for all the officers and brothers of the I. B. E. W., I am

Fraternally yours,
L. D. LACY,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 43.

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 6, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker :

Our retiring president, Jack Kerwin, has positively refused to succeed himself, and up to this writing we are minus an executive officer. No one else would accept the office, as all wanted the man who has been our standard-bearer in many a hard-fought battle, and fought us out victorious. Come up, boys, to the next meeting and see if we can't get Jack to hold the reins for the next six months.

John O'Donnell was elected for vice-president. We certainly could not do better.

New delegate to the Trades Assembly, the "Beau Brummel" of 43, Bobbie Hanlin, will look after our interests I am quite sure.

Our re-elected treasurer, Leon T. Jones, will carry us through in good shape, as he has heretofore, in the different offices he has held. When Jones gets up and declares himself, Richard Mansfield would have to go way back and sit down, for the Dr. Jekel and Mr. Hyde expression on Jones' face would put Mansfield to shame.

Our F. S.-elect, Ralph English, is a smart little bit of a man, and when the books are gotten in shape by the expert accountant England will show us at all times just where we stand.

Rec. Sec. Willie Sillerman was re-elected. Everybody knows that anything Willie has to do is done right and to the letter.

Wishing a happy and prosperous new year to all brothers of I. B. E. W., I remain,

Yours respectfully,
"BILL NYE."

Local Union No. 44.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 6, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

This being my first attempt in the literary line I do not expect to prove a howling success, but will endeavor to do the best I can. Probably the most important event that has occurred in Local 44 since the last letter is the dividing of the local, the trimmers having withdrawn and secured a charter of their own the first of the year. The change was not occasioned by any ill-feeling between the crafts but because the majority felt that everybody would be better satisfied.

We have had an open charter for a couple of months and have picked up nine new members and reinstated eleven.

For the benefit of the Buffalo brothers who are not already aware of the fact, I will state that Bro. Coffee is with us working for the Home Co.

Bro. James Barry, wire chief of the Home Tel. Co., very quietly got married on Thanksgiving without asking our consent, but we forgave him and showed our respects by presenting him a nice sideboard on Christmas Eve.

Here is list of officers for ensuing year:

Pres.—Peter Martin.

Vice Pres.—F. Fernier.

Treas.—Andrew Murdock.

Fin. Sec.—Wm. Carroll.

Rec. Sec.—John Garry.

Trus.—J. Devine, L. McGuire, J. Shearns.

Insp.—J. P. Haley.

Fore.—James Snider.

Rec. Sec.—Chas. Brown.

CY. BROWN, P. S.

Local Union No. 51.

Reading, Pa., Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

A close reader of the Electrical Worker will probably think Local 51 has fallen through. To the best of my knowledge this is only the second letter within nine months of our existence.

Our union is growing larger every month; it reaches the mark of 125 members, classing all the members together. All the large concerns of our city have signed our scale with the exception of the Arrowsmith Elec. Co., who won't sign, but give us their promise to live up to it. Their men, with

the exception of a few helpers and apprentices, belong to our local.

Reading had three large strikes last year: Reading Iron Co., P. & R. R. Co., and the United Traction Co., caused through the formation of unions. The Reading Iron Co. men are the only ones that won; they held out beautifully. The single men formed a camp on an island down the river and called it Camp Flynn, the different locals donated money to support married men and their families, and the different large stores donated provisions and money for Camp Flynn.

The P. & R. R. strike is declared off. They took a few of the men back, but the majority found employment elsewhere.

The United Traction Co. had two strikes. The demands of the employees were granted in the first, but when the men subsequently struck, alleging the company's failure to live up to their contract, green men were promptly on hand to take the places of the strikers, and the company suffered no inconvenience. The strike was declared off and none of the old employees taken back.

The Electrical Equipment Co., George A. Rick Treas., William D. Jones Mgr., have secured the contract to wire the Colonial Trust Co. Bldg., one of the largest contracts given in the city.

Our election of officers went off smoothly and a large attendance was present at the installation.

Hoping this letter will be interesting to the members of our local and the readers of the Electrical Worker I remain,

Yours respectfully,

C. PHILIP SMITH,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 55.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 6, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Organized labor in general, and Local 55 in particular, are somewhat elated over what we are pleased to consider the victorious outcome of a long contest just terminated.

The city council has had under consideration for about three years the creation of a city official to be known as electrical inspector, and a few months ago notified the Commercial Exchange, the Fire Un-

derwriters and Local 55 to each furnish a representative competent to examine candidates for the office.

The examination resulted in the recommendation, without any distinction, but as being equally qualified, of two applicants. One was Geo. B. Hupp, former and re-elected president of 55, a respected and esteemed citizen of fifteen years' residence in Des Moines, a loyal adherent to the cause of organized labor, and considered by many one of the best all-round electricians in the state. The other applicant was a Mr. Kunkle, who the Building Trades Council and Local 55, after having made many fruitless efforts to persuade him to unionize his shop and join 55, always resulting in a failure on his part to live up to agreements, had been compelled to declare "unfair."

Mr. Kunkle was a member of Federal Labor Union 7217, and received endorsements from that organization, but all other labor organizations endorsed Bro. Hupp, as did the Trades and Labor Assembly and Building Trades Council, so that the contest resolved itself into a hard struggle between organized labor and its friends on one side and the citizens opposed to trades unionism, the newspapers, and Federal Labor Union 7217 on the other.

The city council had stipulated that the appointment, subject to its approval or disapproval, was to be made by the fire chief, who, when the time came, recommended Kunkle for the position, but although Kunkle's supporters urged the council to immediately approve of the fire chief's choice, the matter was put off until next council meeting.

The fire chief's choice was, of course, first blood for the other side, and our chances looked rather dubious, but the council's delay to approve of Kunkle furnished our side an opportunity to get in our best licks, and we took advantage of the breathing spell by writing and securing influential signatures to petitions for Hupp, and by winning over to our side some very influential citizens who got right out and urged Hupp's appointment.

Monday morning representatives from almost every union in the city attended the council meeting, so that it was very apparent that organized labor, with its six

thousand votes, was acting and would act as a unit, and that any political aspirant attempting to give the city's only position, wherein organized labor is directly concerned, to an "unfair" man, by so doing, figuratively, was digging for himself a political grave. Hence the result: A motion before the city council to disapprove of the fire chief's choice for electrical inspector received but one nay vote. A motion to appoint Mr. Hupp as electrical inspector received the unanimous vote of the city council, and Mr. Hupp, the choice of organized labor, is now in office as electrical inspector.

Work being rather slack in this vicinity, we would advise linemen to remain away from Des Moines. The Telephone boys have not as yet received their expected advance in wages, but are hopeful.

Fraternally yours,

A. R. MORSE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 60.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 4, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Your humble servant had the pleasure of writing a greeting to the brotherhood last year and I am glad to say it gives me great pleasure to be able to renew my greeting and wish one and all a happy New Year.

How short a month seems to those of us who are called upon to fulfill a promise or perform a duty for which we are hardly qualified. To my thinking the duty of press secretary is the most puzzling and difficult task that could be imposed on a poor ordinary duck; therefore, in view of the fact that No. 60 has just presented me with a six months job as its reporter, I may as well get to work and give you a few ravings for the January Worker.

At our last meeting we elected officers to guide our ship of state for the next term, and pride ourselves on having chosen a first-class set of men. Their names are:

Pres.—W. B. Freeman.
Vice-Pres.—J. C. Talcott.
Fin. Sec.—John Thompson.
Cor. Sec.—Roy Cushman.
Treas.—Ed. Newman.
Press Sec.—A. A. Drake.
Foreman—Geo. Woods.

Inspectors—W. A. Perry and J. P. Broderick.

Trustees—W. A. Perry, Lee Stanley and L. L. Hurd.

We have re-elected many of our officers who have been tried and not found wanting, and we confidently look forward to an era of prosperity under their regime.

We wish to thank our retiring president, W. B. Mitchell, and our retiring recording secretary, Miss J. A. Miller, for the efficient management of our affairs while in office, often putting themselves to great trouble and financial loss to further the interests of our local. We are sorry we could not keep you on, but your will was our law.

Since my last letter two of our brothers have joined the ranks of the benedicts, Bros. Barnes and McKinley, and the members of No. 60 all join me in wishing them a happy New Year and many of them in their new found life.

At present there is very little doing in any branch of the business here and we would not advise any one to come this way expecting to catch on.

Among our visitors the past month we had the pleasure of greeting Bros. Jones and Elwood of 193. They spent New Year's day with us and left for the Golden West. One of our visitors by the name of Ames (I forgot the number of his local) came here with a card two months behind and wanted our financial secretary to fix it up for him after Bro. Thompson had just given him a dollar and a square meal. How is that for nerve? But this fellow had more, for he made the acquaintance of Bro. Arch and after spending a day and night with him disappeared, and so did Bro. Arch's shoes and one or two other things. While we are always ready to do all we can for a needy brother, we are not going to stand for anything like that and we will certainly publish the name of any one who tries it.

We are glad to welcome back to our midst the Talcott boys and hope they will now make a long stay here. Bro. Chub Talcott has embarked in business for himself and we all wish him the greatest success.

With best wishes for No. 9 and the others who are out, I remain,

Yours,
DUCK.

Local Union No. 72.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 72 is still in the ring. We were pleased with the work of the convention and look for much good to result therefrom.

Electrical work seems to be dull all over Texas now, but we hope things will look up in the near future.

We are occasionally cutting in a few new lights and hope to continue the good work. We don't want to get the load heavy enough to blow the fuse, but hope to increase the capacity with the load.

Speaking of cutting in new lights, while not intending to moralize, I don't think we can be too particular as to the class of men we take into our order. Of course ours is a business institution and not a reform or moral club, but what I mean is to give scabs the marble heart.

I have heard it intimated that the strike in Texas was a loser. I beg to differ, wages are 10 to 25 per cent. better in nearly every town in the State and hours one or two shorter. If that isn't a win I'd like to know why. True most of the union men went out on a hummer, but are still carrying paid-up cards somewhere and the union is still on a fairly good basis in the State. We have floating brothers with us occasionally and, while there is not much doing here, we are always glad to see you brothers. All hail to the floater; he is generally O. K. and we need more of his make-up in most of our home guards.

Three of our old members were with us recently, whose hands we were glad to shake again, Bros. Robert Birant, C. M. Dugger and Will Medeor.

Fraternally yours,
PERCY VERANCE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 86.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 9, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I was greatly surprised and more than pleased on entering our meeting rooms at our last meeting to see our old-time friend and brother, Frank Graham, there. No brother will ever be more welcome to Local 86 than he, as a visitor or member. It was chiefly through the untiring efforts of

Bro. Graham that Local 86 was instituted. Brothers of other locals, if in his travels he should give you a call, extend to him the glad hand.

The new local in Rochester, No. 220, the trimmers who have withdrawn from No. 44, have my best wishes. No. 220 in our business is pretty hot stuff. We held a smoker last night in our hall. The program included remarks by Past-President Guerinot, G. S. Sherman and Pres. Deveroux of No. 220; graphophone selections by Bro. Crappo's instrument, songs by Bros. Smith, McDonald, Powers and a chorus, a 15-min. wrestling bout resulting in a draw, and coffee, sandwiches and cigars galore. Much credit is due the committee in charge.

I wish to express my sorrow in the loss to our city of G. S. Harry Sherman. He leaves us because duty calls him, any every electrical worker in this city will miss him greatly. Many a good turn he has done willingly for Local 86 and its members and we thank him from the bottom of our hearts for it. All honor to him; he is a noble and grand man, with ever the thought for the betterment of our condition on his mind, and his past and present record prove it. Some of you are dissatisfied, but, brothers, lay aside all personal, selfish desires, and you cannot help but think and feel as I do. The best of luck go with him.

The new officers elected at our last meeting are:

Pres.—James Gibson.

Vice-Pres.—James Toolin.

Rec. Sec.—Leonard Ferner.

Fin. Sec.—Adolph Denniston.

Treas.—W. R. Cook.

Fore.—James Mangin.

Insp.—Robert Kane, Charles Worder.

Trus.—Harvey Smith.

P. S.—Harry Pearce.

Delegates to B. T. C.—H. Smith, G. McDonald, J. Gibson, J. Mangin, R. Kane.

HARRY PEARCE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 100.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 8, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Greetings to entire brotherhood. Am glad to state that our troubles are over. We tried to get a scale from our employers, as stated in last month's Worker,

which the contractors said they could not pay, but would pay \$2.50 per day. After considerable argument a majority vote placed the wage scale as they said. As time rolled on and the day set nearly due, the contractors notified us they would not pay the request of the local. They claimed our committee was unfit and had no power to act, but having full faith in our committee we waited, and when the sun rose on Monday, Dec. 9th, our committee ordered men out of all shops which had not signed the agreement, and I'm proud to be able to write all shops were closed, for every man, union and non-union, refused to budge until things were set straight. The strike lasted two days and everything was settled. Of course some suffered a little by it, but show me the cause that has no martyrs. Get together, boys, and show your employers that this misunderstanding is now over, and let us get down to business and do an honest day's work; work for the interest of your employers.

We extend to our committee the thanks of the local. Although the bosses couldn't understand you we did, and say unto each, "Well done, good and faithful boys." To the non-union boys, we thank you, and the fact that you are now with us speaks volumes. We also extend thanks to the Central Labor Union and Delegate Harper.

We gave a smoker Jan. 7th and everything passed off nicely. Aman was one of the committee and deserves our thanks.

Jim Owens, or, as the boys know him, "Cap," is here with a good gang of Broncos—all green ticket. Jim is rebuilding city electric light lines, and they needed it badly.

A word to our traveling brothers: Jax is all right now, \$2.50 per 9. Board is high, work is a little slack, but if Jax is on your list come on with the green in sight, and if you haven't got the return, why, we can show where the emptys are.

O. Hollorn, Polly Parrott, Irwin Allan and a good many others are here. Nice climate, nice people, good local.

Yours as B-4,
MCD., P. S.

Local Union No. 120.

London, Jan. 8, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Here we are again and a new year with

us. May it be a prosperous year for all our brothers, the brotherhood and our cause. We had an election of officers which resulted as follows:

Pres.—T. Brown.

V. Pres.—T. Holman.

Fin. Sec.—A. N. Robinson.

Treas.—L. Folley.

Our old president, J. Rustra, said he wanted a rest and absolutely refused to take the chair for another term.

We had a visit from an old member of the days gone by, Bro. Heaman, from Chicago, who at our request gave us a very interesting account of his adventures since leaving the old town. We also had a special meeting on account of Bros. Sprout, Elgeman and Leary of Pittsburg, Pa.

Local 114, what about the letter we wrote you in regard to application blanks, dinners, etc. No reply was received from you and I don't think you did the right thing to apparently ignore our letter. If you were unable to do business with us you should at least have written and told us so.

If this catches the eye of Fred MacIntosh or any one acquainted with him, his friends here would be glad to know of his whereabouts or to hear from him.

Work is much the same drag along here at present. The Bell Co. Tel. is getting ready its battery system and has installed a swell board right up to date in the new office. The boys are piking around with a grip full of condensers.

Two new members are expected next meeting night. Will close wishing all brothers at home and abroad a very prosperous and happy New Year.

A. ANDERSON,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 130.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 130 is still in the circuit and as happy as can be no matter if the scabs here are praying for our downfall.

Nos. 4 and 130 gave a grand joint New Years' eve ball and it was a grand success. Everybody enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content and a finer social gathering would be hard to find. The untiring efforts of the arrangement committee were richly rewarded and too much credit can-

not be given them. Spacious Odd Fellows' hall was transformed into a fairy land and brilliantly illuminated. The beautiful bevy of ladies, in their fashionable costumes, made one believe he was in the Garden of Eden. The brothers of both locals fell in line at 9 o'clock and led off the grand march, which opened the ball. As each lady entered the hall she was presented a beautiful souvenir by the reception committee. Locals 4 and 130 can feel proud of their signal success.

The badges worn by the officers and committees were the swellest I ever saw and too much praise cannot be given Bro. Kendall for his idea and selections. I was more than suprised when called and presented with a beautiful badge by him inscribed with gold letters, "Past President." I am so proud of it that I intend to put it in a glass frame.

Credit is due Jack Roch, among others, for valuable assistance in making a success of the ball, as well as the successful smoker recently held by the locals.

We all have our troubles, and I will explain ours. We are still locked out on the "Own the Earth" called the Newman-Spauley Co. because we found a few perjurers in our ranks, now on the scab list. We had a meeting which these perjurers attended and swore by all that was holy that they did not understand the case, so everything was thoroughly explained to them and they swore they would not go back to work until the N. S. Co. settled. We took their word for it, but put a special watch on them and, would you believe it, they reported to work the next day. Maybe they got the contract signed that was offered to some of us last October, what do you think, boys?

I enclose a memorial in respect to our late Bro. J. Gus Heenrichs.

Business is very poor at present, and the E. B. should take up the case of our locked-out men at an early date, as they are sorely in need of some assistance.

We are about to have an election of officers, so I will close and leave something for our P. S. to do. Hoping the brotherhood will have continued prosperity and a happy New Year to all, I am

Yours fraternally,

T. G. ZIEGLER,
Cor. and Press Sec.

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New Orleans, Dec. 11, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I herewith beg leave to notify you, under seal, that Local 130 has expelled J. Fred Jordy and Arthur Shaw for refusing to obey the order to leave the employ of Newman-Sprauley Co. Ltd., who are unfair to us. They showed the white feather and we are glad to be able to find those kind of men out.

The boys who walked out are sticking to a man, and we have every hope of winning in the end.

All brothers should give this city a wide berth at present, as business is very slack.

Yours fraternally,

T. G. ZIEGLER,
Press and Cor. Sec.

Local Union No. 143.

Ashtabula, O., Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

We missed connection with the Worker several times in the past owing to changes of location made by our P. Ss. I have been appointed, with orders to get there each issue or expect trouble.

Knowing from experience what 143 can do when out for blood, the brothers can expect a letter every month, at least until I can swipe the big ax the boys have laid up for me.

Everything is lovely here. We add new members every meeting and all are working. The Ashtabula Telephone Co. is about ready to move into its new brick block, with the finest equipment of any exchange of its size in this part of the country. The electric road just completed from here to Conneaut brought many brothers here for a few weeks, while extensive rebuilding in the plant of the local telephone company not only brought old members but several new lights to our circuit.

I am glad to see some of the P. S's are awaking to the fact that the pages of an official organ are the place to discuss questions which will soon be the main topic of discussion before every labor organization in the country. I refer to the relation of the wage-worker to the ballot-box. Three hundred and sixty-four days in the year he is doing his level best, spending his hard-earned wages and his also hard-earned

time in trying to place himself and his fellow-workmen in a position to obtain a fair share of the product of his labor, and then when election day comes around he goes up to exercise his right as a citizen of a free and enlightened country, to elect to office men who will help him to obtain this fair share. What does he do? He forgets the fact that every promise ever made to the wage-worker by either of the leading political parties regarding legislation for the benefit of the worker have either been forgotten by them after election or, if carried out at all, the result has been laws that can be evaded by the capitalist or interpreted by the legal lights to mean anything but what was intended by the men whose interests they pretend to protect. He forgets all this, forgets that the industrial conditions which oppress him have steadily grown worse under the administration of either party, and listens to the song of Free Silver, Gold Standard, Protection or Free Trade, each and every one of which is guaranteed to cure all the ills of the social system, and then casts his ballot for one side or the other, possibly for no stronger reason than because his father and grandfather before him voted that ticket.

The union is not going to enable us to secure independence. It can do and has done a great work, but when every man who is working for wages is made to see that the results of his labor can never be his until he and his fellow-workers stand in line, shoulder to shoulder, and by their united votes make a change in the entire system of production and distribution, then, and not till then, the workingman will take his rightful position as the producer of all wealth, present, past or future.

H. J. WILLIAMS.

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 144.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 31, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Christmas is over and we are just about to enter in the new year with the brightest prospects before us. Several applications are on the table for the next meeting.

Bro. Joe F. Williams dropped in from Colorado Springs to spend a few days with the folks and shake hands with his brothers. After enjoying a few days' pleasure

he returned to Colorado Springs, depositing his card in No. 113.

Local No. 144 would be pleased to hear from Bro. Paro, also letters from Bros. Nigh and Prescott would be gratefully received.

Work is moving along slowly, just enough to keep the gainers busy, but I expect by spring there will be a great deal of it, as the Independent Tel. Co. has secured a franchise and also completed a list of 600 subscribers. They will commence within two months to put in an underground exchange. Good-bye, wishing everyone a happy new year,

I remain, FRENCHY.

Local Union No. 146.

Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 8, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker :

On account of being out of town was unable to attend the last two meetings, but as I understand I have been elected P. S. will endeavor to do my duty so that the boys may see Local 146 is still on the list.

Business here is very good. I believe all the boys are working, with good prospects ahead. I understand Bro. Callahan was in New York recently and could have gone to work there but for the fact that he did not have the required amount of change to ante up, which is more than most of us usually carry when we are on the road.

While in Springfield, Mass., last week, I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Abgreen, of No. 7, and one or two others, but I missed the familiar faces of those I used to know with the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. Would like to hear from Bro. John Newton if this should chance to catch his eye.

We miss the smiling face of Bro. Pearce, who started for the sunny South about three weeks ago. Would like to hear from you, Eddie.

Will have to take a few lessons from Bro. Johnson of No. 90 and see if I can do better next time.

Faternally yours,

R. W. DYER,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 149.

Anderson, Ind., Jan. 6, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker :

Work is very slack here, but hope it will open up before long.

H. W. Marlette of No. 30 has been

working here with Bro. A. J. Miller, but both left Jan. 5 for Cincinnati, O. Treat them right, boys ; they are O. K.

We have three on the sick list, Bros. Kid Malone, John Malone and Horace Nunn. Bro. Nunn had his leg broken by falling from a pole.

Work is wound up in Muncie for the winter. Bro. Edleman has gone to Hartford City, Ind., and Bros. Nead and Boyd to Marion.

I see our strike is still on in Chicago. Stick to it, boys and you are sure to win.

Would like to hear from Happy Jack Thomas, Kid Schurimener and Bro. Jack Orr. My address is Alexandria, Ind., box 341. Let me hear from you personally or through the Worker.

Was glad to hear from Roy Taylor. Write again, Roy.

I would like to hear from No. 153, and Lexington, Ky.

Bros. Thomas Beck and Fields spent Sunday in Muncie and left Monday on a toll line.

Good night and good bye for thirty days.

Yours fraternally,

C. L. SNEDEKER.

Local Union No. 151.

San Francisco, Jan. 2, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker :

Several of the brothers have asked why I did not write to the Worker on account of not seeing a letter from 151. I have written two letters, one for the November issue, which might have been a little late, and one for the December issue, which ought to have been in in plenty of time, so, boys, it is up to the editor on account of not having a letter in the December issue, as there are two letters that have not been published.

The results of our election are as follows :

Pres.—Geo. Cooney.

Vice-Pres.—J. J. Cameron.

Rec. Sec.—J. T. Leonard.

Fin. Sec.—J. J. Farrell.

Press Sec.—L. C. Edwards.

Treas.—F. P. Noonan.

Foreman—M. H. Brydges.

Inspectors—J. D. Loudermilk and E. I. Durrell.

Trustee—Bill Phillips.

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Ex. Com.—J. J. Farrell, M. J. Sullivan and J. J. Guenther.

No. 151 intends holding a grand ball April 19 at Odd Fellows' Hall, so, boys, do what you can to help the committee, and make your dates for Saturday evening, April 19th, at Odd Fellows' Hall; time, 8:30. Don't forget.

Some of the members have been asking for Bro. Geo. Patterson of Angles' Camp. Yes, he is still with the Telephone Co. up there, but as to the gold mine he and McGuire had I cannot say. Ask him or McGuire. Mc is working with McSweeney and fat Birchall.

Our attendance of late has not been what it might be, probably owing to some of the members raising children, others raising vegetables or farming, as may be.

Dave Ahern's family is growing larger, so it is hard for him to attend, but he has the union at heart just the same.

I have said enough. Bro. Edwards will do the rest. I will close, hoping to see one and all at our grand ball.

Yours as ever,
GUY RANDY.

Local Union No. 158.

Temple, Tex., Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Since our last letter we have elected a new set of officers and as an unfortunate aspirant for literary fame it falls to me to write this letter.

Our new pilots are as follows:

Pres.—W. Graham.

Vice-Pres.—W. Clay.

R. Sec.—H. Newland.

Fin. Sec.—J. C. Jones.

Press Sec.—M. Monaghan.

Treas.—Mrs. Chandler.

Foreman—J. Upton.

Inspectors—S. Roberts and J. Cleveland.

Trustee—J. Hewitt.

Work at present is not brisk, but if any brother with a paid-up card gets sidetracked here, we have a Chinese restaurant for them, and Ling don't feed scabs. On the other hand, if they come in without credentials and by that we mean men who are behind, as well as non-union men, we can send them on the Santa Fe as shovelers. It is becoming too common for linemen to come in, hunt us up and when we ask them

how they stand say all right, only a little behind. Brothers, we can do nothing for you in that condition. How do you expect it? You are not supporting us. Some of these brothers will say, "We were in the union in '91, and away before then," may all be true, but we need all your support now just as we did in '91, and I think I can safely say you are all receiving more money now than you did at that time. We can't live on the money you paid in eight or ten years ago. (That is all spent.) We must turn these people down who carry bum cards, and if they go to work, make them deposit a percentage of their earnings towards getting a card, even if they only work two days. If this was done on every job they strike, we could keep them right in spite of themselves.

Was pleased to read the settlement made in Toledo between the Central Constructing Co. and No. 8, and it goes to show one result most desirable of attainment is substitution of arbitration for strikes and lockouts. In all cases it is probable that the result could not be secured, but there can be but little cause for doubt that if the relations of the employed and employer were more friendly and candid there would be few serious contentions between labor and capital that could not be compromised or amicably adjusted. Both the strike and lockout are the arguments of force, not of reason, and it will not be denied that argument of reason is the better one.

The organization of labor for its own defence and benefit has again and again proved its merits. Organization has determined its efficiency by increasing wages, and by securing more favorable conditions. Besides that the trusts have made it essential that the workingman must combine in a similar way, but the stronger your union the easier it is to convince capital that arbitration is far more efficacious than strikes.

Bro. Bemer, from 16, has deposited his card with us.

Can any brother tell me the whereabouts of Bro. 40 Moore, last heard of in Milwaukee.

Hello, Billy Faust in Toledo; why don't you write?

Bros. Graham and Roberts have left us and started for Galveston. Treat them well, boys; they are O. K.

Ivan Dodge, your friend Cooper is in New Orleans with St. Ry.

Yours fraternally,
M. MONAGHAN,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 165.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 5, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

We have a nice little number of members in our local at present and they are still coming. How could an electrical man with any sense stay out of the I. B. E. W.? I am sure it is beneficial to all concerned. It has been to me, and I intend to stay in it as long as I can earn the 60 cents for dues. I am sure there will be no trouble to do that, because a fellow who carries a paid-up card can generally find enough work to pay house rent, buy baby a new dress and pair of shoes once in a while, pay dues and have a little to lay aside in case the old lady wishes to take a trip.

We are having mighty nice meetings since the Southern Bell Construction boys entered town. They are a merry, good set of union men. We had good meetings before, but the more the merrier. I joined that gang here about three weeks ago. We are doing a good lot of rebuilding here. Our foreman, A. L. Winn, is an all-right union man, and treats any other union man who proves himself in good standing as a brother should be treated. I should like to see more of our foremen union men; not simply to have them in the union with us, but it would be beneficial to them as well as the gangs. It is much more pleasing for a union man to work for a union foreman, and also for the foremen to work union men. I think and have a right to think, because I have had experience on both sides, that a union foreman with a gang of union men can accomplish a great deal more than a non-union foreman with or without a gang of union men. Why? Simply because he is a brother; and they will do anything they can for his interest. On the other hand, if a non-union foreman they would not be apt to do it, or, if they did, it would not be as willingly as for the union foreman. Another thing, a union foreman is always respected by his men, and the men by him.

We have with us Kid Winn, the foreman's brother, a great big kid. He looks

as if he would make a first-class Government mule when he leaves this world. I have often heard that linemen turn to mules when they leave this globe. It is a good thing Tom Strange is here so I can see him, for I would have sworn I saw him hitched to one of the city carts the other day. Frank Miller, our hay boss, we call him "Shorty," seems to be a nice little fellow and is all right. He would make a nice little donkey to hitch to a go-cart to haul some fat woman over the asphalt streets of Newport News. I imagine I can see him now with a nice little set of white harness, his tail plaited with red ribbon, trotting down the street just as proud of his load as they of him.

G. W. Rhodes left us last week to work in Norfolk. We miss him very much but not so much as that old song which he sings, "There is a boarding house, far, far away." It might have been the one from which he followed his grip out of the window on a hand-line.

I hope all brothers enjoyed their Christmas. I am sure most of us around here did, especially this gang. I don't believe after Christmas we had dough enough among us to flag a pie.

No. 165 gave a smoker New Year's Eve. There were not as many present as expected, although everyone there enjoyed themselves. There were cigars to burn, beer to give away, and pickles and sandwiches to eat. We heard from several locals, the cigar-makers', barbers', clerks' and machinists', and had a long talk from the president of the C. L. U. which all enjoyed.

Our local is making good headway. There are only a few here who do not belong, and we keep telling them all about it every time we meet. We will have them all before long. Two joined a week ago we had been after ever since we organized. There are a few in Hampton, a little town seven miles from here, I think will come in soon. They are seeing their mistake by staying out. Wishing you all health, wealth and happiness through the year 1902, I am,

Sincerely yours,
F. J. GATES, JR.

A Civil Word.

A French king once said; "If a civil word or two will make a man happy, he

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must be a churl indeed who would not give them to him." If this feeling were acted on, how much happier the world would be! We may say of this kindly temper that it is like lighting another man's candle by one's own, which loses none of its light by what the other gains.

Chicago's Strike.

Jamestown, N. D., Jan. 1, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Having watched with interest the proceedings of the Chicago strike, which has now continued long enough to be plainly seen it is the intention of John I. Sabin, of Frisco fame, to freeze out the members of No. 9, I for one, as a member of the I. B. E. W. who is interested in the welfare of the organization, think it is time some decisive measures were taken to make this strike the one of our life. It means just this, brothers, that although we may not be working in Chicago at the present time, the results of this strike will effect us all eventually. John I. Sabin, who only last winter defeated the brotherhood on the coast, journeys east this summer to Chicago and has no more than got located when he is at his old favorite vocation, antagonism to organized labor. From a town of 400,000 or 500,000 he jumps to one of possibly two million; certainly he is a very ambitious gentleman and his ability as a union buster and bitter enemy of organized labor must be recognized by stockholders of large companies or employers of large numbers of men, if not, why should he journey two thousand miles. And we presume that if he is successful in Chicago his ambition will not die there, but with renewed vigor he will travel on through the country, guaranteeing companies that he will remove all troubles existing between employers and employees, to, of course, our financial detriment. "I did it in Frisco and Chicago, and I can do it here. It is all nonsense to pay linemen such exorbitant wages as \$2.50 and \$3 a day. Their work is easy; all they have to do is to creep up the side of a 65, cut a few gains, bat on an arm and perhaps tie on some 14 iron." Yes, Mr. Sabin, it was exorbitant wages for such men, or boys, I should say, as you had around your exchange in Frisco. One I saw took all

morning to cut a gain and tack on an arm, and then they had to go up and get him out, for he had nailed himself in the brace with the heel lag. Pretty high wages for such talent as you employed in preference to competent linemen who were in town at the time. Mr. Ditcher didn't have such men on the Bay Counties job.

Now, brothers, it is up to us. What will Chicago be, a miserable defeat, or a brilliant victory for the unions? Will John I. Sabin do the same in Chicago that he did on the coast? Has he the power to defy and crush unionism in Chicago, as far as the I. B. E. W. is concerned? Can one man throw down an organization that has the membership that we have? No; not if the men stand pat.

Brothers, this is a fight that we have got to win, and of course we all know that it takes the long green to carry on such business. The locals one and all have certainly shown the true-blue spirit, but won't it take a great deal more money to continue this strike? Times are good in the country this year, work nearly everywhere, and no member could object to an assessment for the benefit of this strike. It would not have to be a large one; we wouldn't miss it, and at the same time we could continue the strike indefinitely, if it took a year or more. Let's for once show these money-eyed men that we can fight just as well as they. The Chicago Tel. Co. can't hold out forever; subscribers will get tired of poor service in a short time. Grunts and rubes can't build leads that will stand. All we have to do is to stand firm for a while and we are sure of winning out. John I. Sabin will find out he is up against the real thing. He may bring a number of children from Frisco that he had there last winter, but they can't cut it. There isn't enough leather east of the Cascades to make safeties for them. It was a fright to see them working—some used them on their eyebrows, others for their ears. That's true; ain't it, Donahue?

This roast is not meant for the linemen on the coast. So, Bailey, Stinson, Francis and Patton, don't be offended. You know who it is intended for—for the savages, not the linemen. I will ring off.

Fraternally yours,

JIM BROWN,

At Jimtown, N. D.,
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A Study in French.

How kin two-phase current be thransmitted over three woires? also,
How kin a two-fased man be conducted to hees proper place?

If ther's anythin' wourse in the wourruld than the furst, it's a two-fased man, d'ye moind.

The two-fased man is a divil, a reglar divil, an' he's a hard man to git along wid. He cums up d'ye wid a smoile that ed stop a non-magnectik wotch, thin th' nixt toime he's up to thricks that ed stagger a lamp-phost.

Be dad, Oi niver saw de loikes av it. On the subjik av yonionism he's a korkur. Af he don't blagn te yer yonion he's goin' te jine. He'll ax ye all manners av quistins, an' afther ye've spint an' hour tillin' him, d'ye moind, he'll til ye that he'll be up wid yes at de nixt meetin'; thin ye goes on yer wouruk, pattin' yerself wid yer suxses, thin—d'ye understhand me now?—ye lukes fer him on de appinted noight full av joy an' ixpextincy, an' wot d'ye foind? Nothin'. Where's yer man? Ye'll foind him down at th' bar discustin younism an' sphoutin' fur a dhrink.

Af ye suxced in pullin' him in by fource or other invisible means, he's a continuality of throuble. As sune's ye give him hes obligatory an' th' other furbidden sthuf, he's beamin' wid a smoile that ed shwel yer liver, an' th' nixt marnin', sur, he's down ta th' boss a tellin' him whose in th' younin', whos the prisidint, th' trisurer, th' forman and th' loiks—the dirthy divil! But ye kin trust him! ye kin trust him fur not tellin' th' boss thet he blangs to it, fur feer av loosin' hes job.

Now, thin, whin ye meet him in the hall ye don't meet him at all, fur th' chancis are thet he's wurkin' hes pints unbeknownst te ye. Th' best plase to foind him is at the back av th' rume, where he kin git wan or two more, an' fur th' entoire meetin' he don't wance git up te speak loik th' others; he's keepin' sthills. Yes, sur, he is a sthills, fur he's down there a brooin' throuble. He thinks the prisidint is rotten. Sez he te th' others wid him, "Oi wonder who elected the seketery? He don't do this right ner thet right. This man is no good," an' so on, till he gits th' others thinkin' loike his

own pisind moind. D'ye understhand me? Thin he stops goin' te th' meetins, an' if ye meets him on th' sthreet an' ax him why he dosent cum up, he sez he's been bizy wurkin', or he was out byin' prisints, or sum other granmuther's story. But he's a loier! He's been bizy as a pupy left alone tearin' up th' inthrists av yer lokel, thet yer striven to ilevate. D'ye see me meanin' now?

They till me thet the nagur in the Sout' is a poor specimin, but I dunno. I don't think thet he's any wourse than th' white nagur whin we have him amongst us in th' form av th' two-fased man, who is wan ov th' best reckers av our labur organisashuns, an' ther's no bether place fur him than in hell! Give me a Spanird ur a Bure any day.

Kombine the two insoide wires av th' two phases so that they will have a cross sexion wan an' a haf toimes th' larger than each of the outer two, thin the ginirator armachure must have a sipirate winding fur each phase, er ilse th' thransparnces can be interposed between th' four leads from th' ginirator an' th' three legs of the circuit.

MICHAEL ANGELO.

No Retraction.

Colorado Springs, Dec. 28, 1901.

To all Loyal Members of No. 12:

In regard to the roasting you gave me about calling your Reverend Bro. Frank Berein a scab, I will say I still say he is a scab and can prove he is a scab.

If you bump your heads awhile you can probably remember the statement that was received from the F. S. of 113 with the seal of the union on it, telling about him scabbing on the Smelter in Colorado City: then I suppose you have forgotten that there was a strike here a year ago last month with the Telephone Co., and he came from Denver with the rest of the scabs and worked for \$2.85 when honest union men were trying to get \$3. I suppose you don't call that scabbing, but just because he did a noble deed in saving Bro. White from falling and shoveled a little hot air into you he is O. K. Why, I have heard of dogs saving people's lives; there are several here that can recall his past career. He can't come to this little town and say he is no scab, because hot air don't

go here. Why did he not make all this grand stand play when I was on a committee to get him discharged from the Traction Co., and Supt. Vail told Bro. Ringer flat-footed he would not recognize union labor? My idea is that the Pueblo Traction Co. has got you all scared, and now you are trying to get on the good side of them to try and get a home guard job out of it, because it is a bad proposition when the president denies his card when asked by Brown of the Electric Light Co. if he was a union man.

You can put little tin bells on all of them if you so desire; it don't cut any figure here. I was only following the orders you receive when you go to vote, which is vote for the good of the order. Hoping this will satisfy you, but if not I can bowl some more; I am, from the heart out—not the skin out—the same

SOAPIE SMITH.

BY A STREAK OF LIGHTNING.

Discovered by Harvard Professor That Hydrogen Is of a Composite Nature.

Prof. E. C. Pickering, director of the Harvard observatory, has made a discovery that he regards as important. In a statement just out he says:

"The spectrum of a streak of lightning was photographed last July. From such a small beginning two discoveries have developed. Not only are the chemical elements, so-called, compounds, but it is likely that hydrogen itself, which chemical theorists have thought to be the one element of which the others would sooner or later prove to be compounds, seems to be of composite nature."

Other photographs made at about the same time show the curious fact that the spectrum of lightning is not always the same. Some of the photographs show a doubling of the bright lines. Prof. Pickering was at first inclined to believe that this was a sort of composite photograph, but he now concludes that the doubling looks as though hydrogen, the only element studied in the lightning spectrum, and hitherto believed to be least likely ever to be proved a compound body, is made up of at least three components.

This conclusion he bases upon the fact that there were 30 lines in the hydrogen

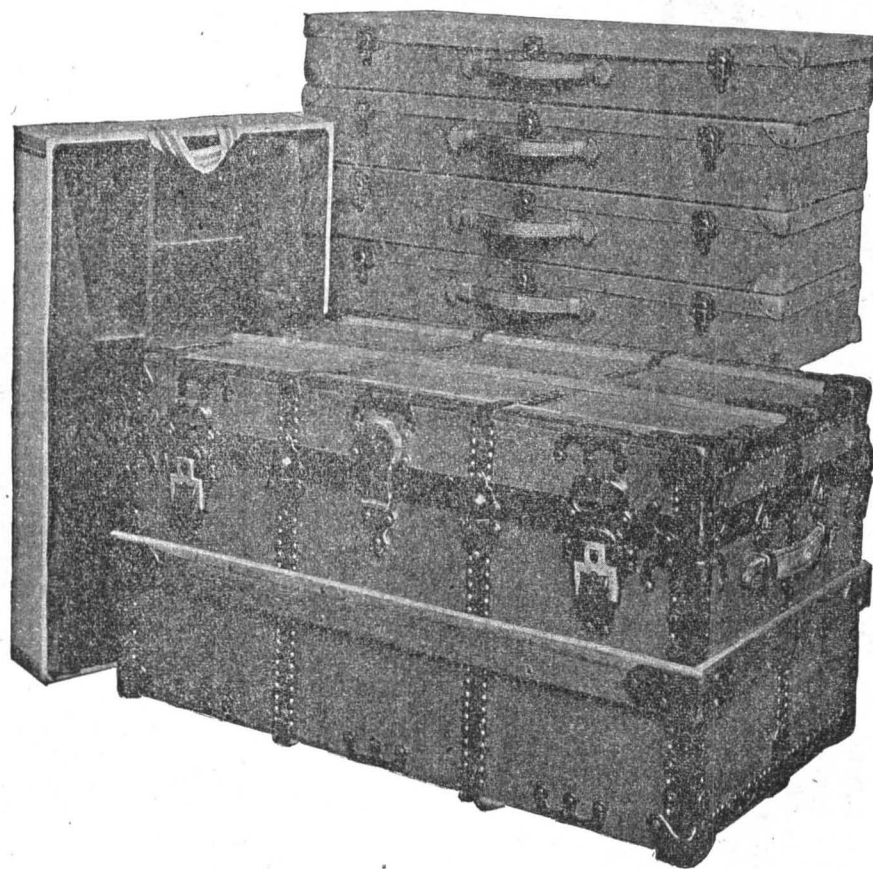
spectrum of one photograph, three in another, and one in the third, the different flashes having been photographed under different circumstances.

Another remarkable circumstance in connection with the study of the Pickering spectra of lightning flashes is that they are similar to that of the second new star in the constellation Perseus, known as Nova Persei No. 2, which were taken on March 23, 1901.

WE ARE GETTING WEALTHY.

According to the New York Herald, there are 3,828 millionaires in the United States, and in a recent issue it presents a detailed list of their names, classified according to the states in which they live. "One two-hundredth part of one per cent. of the population of the United States, or one person out of every 20,000," says the Herald, "controls about one-fifth of the nation's wealth; that is, 3,828 millionaires out of a population little in excess of 76,000,000 own \$16,000,000,000 of the \$81,750,000,000 at which our entire property is fairly valued. In the first quarter of a century just closed there were not more than half a dozen millionaires in the land, and two only—John Jacob Astor, in New York, and Stephen Girard, in Philadelphia—had sufficient wealth to make them particularly conspicuous. Now we are nearing the 4,000 mark."

An Irishman took a contract to dig a public well. When he had dug about 25 feet down, he came one morning and found it caved in—filled nearly to the top. Pat looked cautiously around and saw that no one was near, then took off his hat and coat and hung them on the windlass, crawled into some bushes and awaited events. In a short time the citizens discovered that the well had caved in, and, seeing Pat's hat and coat on the windlass, they supposed he was at the bottom of the excavation. Only a few hours of brisk digging cleared the loose earth from the well. Just as the eager citizens reached the bottom and were wondering where the body was, Pat came walking out of the bushes and good-naturedly thanked them for relieving him of a rosy job.—Bricklayer and Mason.



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LATE LOCALS

Local Union No. 98.

Philadelphia, Jan. 9, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The I. B. E. W. is to be congratulated on the effort made by several locals at the Scranton convention of the A. F. of L. to protect our right to run iron and steel conduits, and had the matter come before the convention I am reasonably sure the controversy would have been ended. However, I understand that it is to be again brought before the N. B. T. C. at the convention to be held in Worcester, Mass., on Jan 13, and I trust that our locals in that vicinity will take as much interest in the affair as did the locals in this district, viz: N. Y. and Penna., not forgetting St. Louis and Chicago.

The following is the ordinance of which I wrote in my last letter and which I think will be of interest to locals in other cities.

Mayor Ashbridge has promised the Council of Allied Building Trades that to each municipal contract shall be attached the following ordinance recently passed by Councils:—

"An Ordinance requiring municipal contracts to contain a stipulation that only competent and first-class workmen shall be employed thereunder; defining the terms competent and first class as used herein; requiring an affidavit to be filed with the City Controller showing compliance with the terms of this ordinance; and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

"Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain:—

"That all municipal contracts hereafter awarded and entered into by any of the Departments of the city of Philadelphia shall contain a clause or stipulation requiring that no person shall be employed to do work under such contracts except competent and first-class workmen, who are citizens of the United States, and no workman shall be regarded as competent and first class within the meaning of this ordinance except those who are duly skilled in their respective branches of labor, and who shall be paid such rate of wages and for such hours of work as shall be the established and current rates of wages paid for such hours by employers of organized labor in the doing of similar work.

"Section 2. That before any warrant shall be countersigned by the City Con-

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Vice-Pres.—Jas. S. Meade.
Rec. Sec'y—Louis O. Fowler.
Fin. Sec'y—Louis F. Spence.
Press Sec'y—Jas. S. Meade.
Treas.—Samuel Meredith.
Inspectors—Wm. Zackey, Chas. Coleman.
Foreman—Chas. M. Free.
Trustee—M. Anhalt.

Fraternally,

JAMES S. MEADE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. III.

Honolulu, Dec. 30th, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The election of officers December 27th, resulted as follows:

Pres.—Wm. Gitt.
V.-Pres.—Jas. Allen.
R. S.—C. M. Taylor.
Treas.—J. H. Truman.
F. S.—R. J. Berger.
Trustee—Chas. Remschel.
Foreman—E. F. Dunn.
1st Insp.—F. W. Lehr.
2nd Insp.—Frank Weaver.

We have one of the hottest things ever discovered in the way of an initiating apparatus and the boys who have the misfortune to run up against it are forever after dodging imaginary volts and amperes in large units.

Bro. Poland's letter received and it was a pleasure to hear from old Butte again. Regards to Bro. E. S. Kidd. Don't set those bottles and jugs out of the window nights up there boys without a blanket around them to keep them from freezing.

Bro. Frank Hughes, where are you? Write, please. Am always glad to hear from any of the boys.

Bro. Warner has taken charge of the line gang in the absence of Bro. Henry May, who has gone to Kauai on a visit.

Bro. Jos. Poo has returned from the Island of Maui, where he worked on the installation in a large mill.

Bros. Disbrow and Starboard are expected to return from a similar trip shortly.

Happy New Year to all the brothers.

WM. GITT,
P. S., Box 540.

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Local Union No. 121.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 6, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The old year has gone; he of the long, gray beard, the scythe and hour-glass lives only in our memories and records, and in place has come to us the new year fresh, smiling, rosy-cheeked, giving promise that the good done by our brotherhood in the past year shall be surpassed during his reign, as it should be. When we look back on the past twelve months we can see innumerable points that have been gained that are of great value to the craft. It is true our departing guest has left a legacy in the shape of trouble, the Chicago strike, but when we see how the men, and they are men, stand together, shoulder to shoulder, fighting for a common cause, we say with pride they are members of the greatest organization on earth, the I. B. E. W., and in the new year the cause shall be fought with the same persistence it has been heretofore. Remember, brothers, won for one means won for all, so stick.

I will give you a list of the new officers for the coming term:

Pres.—E. L. Layne.

Vice-Pres.—John Marsh.

Treas.—D. Reed.

Fin. Sec.—B. B. Flack.

Rec. Sec.—W. H. Brown.

Foreman—M. Corrigan.

Inspectors—J. McCormac and C. L. McClelland.

Trustee—C. L. McClelland.

Exam. Board—Wheeler, Ingersoll and Irwin.

We have moved our lodge room from the third floor of the Gettysburg Bldg. to second floor of same. Take the elevator (they don't need it; don't run half the time), and turn around the corner to the right, and there you are.

Salt Lake, we want you to commence boosting for that convention. We want it in the West. We want to bring that mighty gang from the East out here where they can see the mountains and impress their minds with our greatness. It is essential that we have that convention in

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By the way, we have one of your apostles with us on a visit, the ever-fascinating Oney (Kid) Langan. He was one of us before he entered the mystic halls of Mormondom, and we some day hope to regain and reclaim him.

I wonder if Warner is still a member of the Kangaroo Club formed on Athol Hill?

It pleases me to state that we have no members on the sick list. We have a suspended member laid up down in New Mexico, but, poor fellow, he failed to pay up his dues, and under our by-laws we can't help him except by subscription. It's a good scheme to pay up when the ghost walks.

I would like to get the address of Offut. If any brother can help me, please do so by sending address to Fin. Sec. S'long.

Fraternally,

A. M., P. S.

Local Union No. 133.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 8, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Again has old Father Time ticked off another notch toward the coming century and it is with the greatest pleasure we note the great work accomplished by our brotherhood in the past year. Of the trials and troubles it has passed through, and to see it emerge from our last convention in a better condition than ever before. It is pleasing to compare the directory in our December journal, of 1901, with that of Dec., 1900, and see the vast work that has been accomplished in organization, and, brothers, that is our stronghold. Thoroughly organize our craft and we will have no more strikes and lock-outs, and I believe that on the lines laid out at our last convention the Brotherhood will increase in membership beyond our wildest hopes in the ensuing two years. In Canada we have the greatest work to accomplish and we also have one of the smoothest brothers in the International to do the work. As I was present when he organized 211 of Windsor, I know whereof I speak and if the brothers of 211 are a sample of the men of Canada he will have no trouble. I attended their last meeting and I must

compliment them upon their way of doing business, as they have lines out for all the men between there and Toronto.

About six weeks ago our secretary sent communications to each local in this State asking for an opinion as to organizing a State conference. We have not heard a word from you yet. Come, brothers, wake up and let us hear from you.

A suggestion to all locals who maintain a business agent, have his address placed in the directory as he is the one to write to for information.

An event that brought joy to the hearts of the brothers of 133 was the first annual dinner given by the Michigan Electric Co. to its employees. They all voted it a success. Here is wishing other firms would follow.

We are pleased to see Bro. Nagel out once more and hope he will not ramble away to some foreign city again as we need the old war-horse here in the spring.

Bro. Woodworth of St. Louis was with us last meeting and gave us an interesting account of how to collect dues. Come again.

Work! (where have I heard that word before?) is very slack here and by the time it picks up there may be no men to do it, as there is something doing here so please keep all wiremen away from Detroit.

Fraternally,

S. P. PERKINS,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 139.

Elmira, N. Y., Jan. 9, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local 139 has not been very active in writing letters to the Worker, as our P. S. has been out of the city most of the time and neglected the important office that he held.

At our last meeting, Local 139 elected new officers as follows:

Pres.—James Horrigan.

Vice-Pres.—Judd Vorkes.

Rec. Sec. and Treas.—A. Thompson.

Fin. Sec.—T. Horrigan.

Foreman—W. M. Scott.

Inspectors—R. Pierce and M. Larey.

Press Sec.—F. A. Terwilliger.

Local 139 had hard pulling at first, but things have changed; the boys put on their

spurs and climbed over everything in sight and we are going to keep on pulling and climbing. We have 38 members now and want more. Keep it up, boys, you're doing well.

All our boys are working. Hoping all brothers are doing the same will say good night.

Fraternally yours,
PRESS SEC.

Local Union No. 148.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9, 1902.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Another three months has rolled around since 148 has been represented in the Worker. We are still in the land of the living. Plenty of work in D. C., and all brothers are employed.

Our smoker proved a success in every way, for which the committee deserves great credit.

The program was as follows: Three scientific glove contests, three rounds each; pie-eating contest won by Bro. J. M.

Jefferies—five pies in five minutes; bag punching contest, won by Bro. Morris Donohue—it was a scientific affair, though Morris had a bad foot. Bro. Divver and Bro. Thompson gave an exhibition of juggling beer kegs.

Chief Broderick of Buffalo is here with his tribe of Indians camping on the reservation known as the Independent Oil Co.'s claim.

Bro. Sherman visited the camp and was very much amused with Jim's wigwam and pappoose. We have had some very distinguished gentlemen here of late. Eddie Seamon, Dick Seamon's little brother, Morris Donohue and various others.

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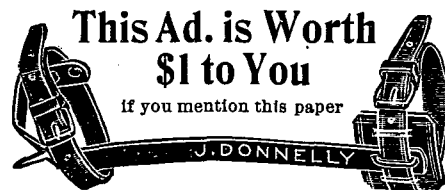
I have not very much to write this time as it is so near the holidays everything is very quiet here. Things look bright for spring as the Home Telephone Co. is going to do some work here. The Bell is on the pork in this town and has even gone so far as to lay off union men and keep scabs to do its work. All the unions have put them on the unfair list and I think there will be a little fun here. What can you expect with a cheap skate of a man for manager.

For the interest of some of our brothers who are acquainted with Bro. A. E. Manning, of Local 157 will state he will be a candidate for county sheriff of Elkhart County and will be thankful for all that the brothers can do for him in this line.

Some of our brothers are going to Logansport to work.

Fraternally,
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Press Sec.

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***No. 34, Peoria, Ill.**—Meets 2d and 4th Mondays in Myer's Hall, 1313 South Adams st. Pres., J. W. Conger, 319 New st.; R. S., J. H. Brown, C. U. Tel. Co.; F. S., H. W. Durn, 41 Liberty st.

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*No. 93, Ottawa, Ont.—2d and 3d Thursdays in C. O. F. Hall, Sessux st. Pres., Wm. Roy, Hull, Que.; R. S., S. R. McDonald, 193 Broad st.; F. S., E. Demers, 75 St Andrews st.

*No. 94, San Diego, Cal.—1st and 3d Thursdays in Council of Labor Hall, cor. 5th and G sts. Pres., Sam McGovern, 422 Kearney av.; R. S., Egbert C. Bangs, 320 Logan av.; F. S., W. D. Ralphs, 1616 F st.

*No. 95, Joplin, Mo.—Meets Saturdays in hall cor. 9th and Joplin sts. Pres., A. E. Bolyard, Joplin Tel. Co.; R. S., J. A. Woodson; F. S., Charles Nelson, box 461.

*No. 96, Worcester, Mass.—Meets Mondays at 8 p. m. in E. W. Hall, 419 Main st., room 19. Pres., S. A. Strout, 72 Russell st.; R. S., W. F. Heath, 419 Main st., room 19; F. S., A. J. Pembleton, 419 Main st., room 19.

*No. 97, Mt. Vernon, O.—1st and 3d Sundays, 3 p. m., National Union Hall, S. Main st. Pres., W. Butcher; R. S., F. D. Morrison; F. S., C. R. Appleton, 104 S. Catherine st.

*No. 98, Philadelphia Pa.—Every Tuesday in Odd Fellows' Temple, Room E, Broad and Cherry sts. Pres., Louis S. Fowler, 332 N. 52d st.; R. S., C. W. Elliott, 2320 Van Pelt st.; F. S., Louis F. Spence, 1538 Manton st.

*No. 99, Providence, R. I.—Meets every Thursday in Labor Temple, Washington and Mathewson sts. Pres., S. E. Sanborn, 82 Trask st.; R. S., R. A. Ripley, 447 Washington st.; F. S., W. L. Kinnecom, 218 Broad st.

*No. 100, Jacksonville, Fla.—Pres., R. L. Gilbert; R. S., J. O. Barnwell; F. S., S. B. Kitchen.

*No. 101, Brockton, Mass.—Every 2d and 4th Friday in Cutlers' Hall, Main st. Pres., John McNeil, 35 Ward st.; R. S., William G. Schneider, Lock Box 450, North Abington, Mass.; F. S., A. H. Camron, 38 Joslyn's court.

*No. 102, Paterson, N. J.—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Oakley Hall, 225 Paterson st. Pres., E. J. Clancy, 453 11th ave.; R. S., Wm. McDonald, 466 Main st.; F. S., Jos F. Zimmerman, 155 Madison st.

*No. 103, Boston, Mass.—Every Wednesday in St. Andrews Hall, Wells Memorial Bldg. Pres., Wm. J. Joyce, 78 E. Canton st.; R. S., Wm. H. Sullivan, 123 Hudson st., Boston; F. S., Ernest H. Chase, 19 Allston sq., Allston.

*No. 104, Boston, Mass.—Every Wednesday in Machinists' hall, 987 Washington st. Pres., Michael Birmingham, 18 Eastburn st., Brighton, Mass.; R. S., John A. McInnis, 12 Pearl pl., Somerville, Mass.; F. S., Leod McLeod, 12A Westley st., Somerville, Mass.

*No. 105, Hamilton, Ont.—2d and 4th Thursdays in Trades and Labor Hall, 17½ Main st. east. Pres., John Mitchell, 36 Bradalbane st.; R. S., W. J. Griffith, 47 Cannon st. W.; F. S., Chas. Fry, 114 Ferguson ave. N.

*No. 106, Jamestown, N. Y.—Every Friday night in room 10, over 21 N. Main st. Pres., A. H. Shean, 214 Fulton st.; R. S., F. S. Tiffany, 205 Jefferson; F. S., W. J. Toney, 44 Cook st.

*No. 107, Louisville, Ky.—Meets 1st and 3d Thursdays in Reeb's Union Hall, 516 5th st. Pres., Ed. Grunwald, 2721 Bank st.; R. S., Horace B. Kincaid, 1413 15th st.; F. S., Wm. H. Smith, 813 Jackson st.

*No. 108, Tampa, Fla.—1st and 3d Saturdays in I. O. O. F. Hall, Easley Bldg., Franklin st. Pres., R. H. Theot, 1907 Nebraska ave.; R. S., J. F. Vaughan, 904 Swigg st.; F. S., W. R. Clarke, 1907 Nebraska ave.

*No. 109, Rock Island, Ill.—1st and 3d Tuesdays in Industrial Home Bldg., 3d Ave and 21st st. Pres., Edward Love, 1141 W. 2d st., Davenport, Ia.; R. S., H. F. Mickey, Iowa Tel. Co., Davenport, Ia.; F. S., Jas. Hollner, Tri-City Ry. Co., Davenport, Ia.

*No. 110, Pensacola, Fla.—1st and 3rd Wednesdays, in Escambia E. L. & P. Co. office, Main and Jefferson sts. Pres., P. R. Pearl, 126 Church st.; R. S., W. E. Pearl, 126 Church st.; F. S., E. W. Peak, 132 E. Intendencia st.

*No. 111, Honolulu, Hawaii—Pres., R. E. Frickey, Box 80; R. S., A. K. Disbrow, Box 80; F. S., R. G. Berger, Box 80.

*No. 112, Louisville, Ky.—Every Thursday. Beck's hall, E Jefferson st. Pres., H. Dodge, 131; W. Main st. R. S., W. T. Burns, 1315 W. Main st.; F. S., Wm. McGrath, 1201 Pine st.

*No. 113, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Meets every Friday at A. O. H. Hall, over Voorhees' store, 22 S. Tyjo st. Pres., G. G. Macy, 408 W. Bijou st.; R. S., B. H. Van Dusen, New York Elec. Co.; F. S., J. L. Smith, 732 E. Kiowa st.

*No. 114, Toronto, Can.—Meets 2d and 4th Wednesdays in Labor Hall, Richmond st. W. Pres., John A. Mongeau, 132 Spruce st.; R. S., Edwin A. Speer, 150 Duke st.; F. S., K. A. McRae, 102 W. King st.

*No. 115, Austin, Tex.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturdays in Carpenter's Union Hall, over 706 Cong. ave. Pres., T. E. Mason, 709 Cong. ave.; R. S., B. F. McKaughan, 1504 Sabine st.; F. S., B. F. McDonald, 200 E. 16th st.

*No. 116, Los Angeles, Cal.—Every Tuesday in Fraternal hall, 534½ So. Spring st. Pres., H. R. Dunlap, 1106 W. Jefferson st.; R. S., H. V. Raton, 1106 W. Jefferson st.; F. S., F. D. Stevenson, 924 Towne ave.

*No. 117, Elgin, Ill.—Pres., E. L. McClelland; F. S., John O. Kourke, 476 Locust st.

*No. 118, Dayton, O.—Meets Thursday nights in Deister Hall, N. Main st. near Court House. Pres., J. H. Sheets, Willoughby st.; R. S., H. E. Phillips, 27 E. 21 st.; F. S., J. W. Hott, C. U. T. Co., 2 Stanley st.

*No. 119, New Bedford, Mass.—Pres., C. McLeod; R. S., A. Gothers; F. S., N. H. Davis, 262 Arnold st.

*No. 120, London, Ont.—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Oriental Hall, Clarence st. Pres., Jas. G. Rushton, 332 York st.; R. S., W. Forbes, 189 Wellington st.; F. S., A. W. Robinson, 169 Kent st.

*No. 121, Denver, Col.—Every Thursday at Gettysburg bldg., 1744 Champa st. Pres., E. L. Layne, 2115 California st.; R. S., W. H. Brown, 7; West Bayard; F. S., B. B. Flack, cor. 3400 Franklin st., Room 17.

*No. 122, Great Falls, Mont.—Every Thursday evening in Union Hall. Pres., M. Potee; R. S., F. D. Ward, B. & M. Smelter; F. S., Wm. P. Benson, Box 766.

*No. 123, Wilmington, N. C.—Every Monday in National Bank bldg., Front and Princess sts. Pres., A. H. Weedon, So. Bell Tel. Co.; R. S., E. C. Horton, 817 So. 6th st.; F. S., W. W. Thigpen, 719 Princess st.

*No. 124, Galveston, Tex.—Meets 2d and 4th Fridays in Cooks' and Waiters' Hall, 23d st., bet. Market and Mecham sts. Pres., G. L. Garrett, 909 21st st.; R. S., Wm. Klaus, 3801 Ave. K; F. S., D. H. Morris, 2019 Ave. K.

*No. 125, Portland, Ore.—Every Tuesday in Eagle's Hall, 2d Yamhill. Pres., E. H. Parker, 105 North 12th st.; R. S., H. A. Circle, 771 Gleason st.; F. S., Aug. Flemming, 211 Harrison st.

*No. 126, Little Rock, Ark.—Meets 1st and 3d Tuesdays in Labor Temple, cor. Main and Markham sts. Pres., W. H. Milham, care Edison Co.; R. S., C. J. Dreer, care Brown Electric Co.; F. S., R. L. Crutchfield, care Little Rock Tel. Co.

*No. 127, Battle Creek, Mich.—Every Friday in Labor Hall. Pres., Don Cole, Citizens Elect. Co.; R. S., Fred Fellows, Battle Creek Elect. Lt. Co.; F. S., Arthur Robinson, No. 1 Fire Station.

*No. 128, Alton, Ill.—Meets first and third Mondays in Miller's Hall, Second and Piash sts. Pres., James Harr, Walnut between 2nd and 3rd sts.; R. S., H. Paul Jewett, care Davis & Jewett Electric Co.; F. S., L. T. Cates.

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***No. 129, St. Joseph, Mo.**—Meets every Saturday at 215½ So. 6th st., Room 5, 2d floor. Pres., R. C. Hughes, Columbian Elect. Co.; R. S., Fred Miller, 215½ So. 6th st.; F. S., E. McComac, 217 So. 6th st.

†No. 130, New Orleans, La.—Meets 2d and 4th Wednesdays in P. O. S. A. Hall, Carondelet st., near Perdido. Pres., Geo. W. Kendall, J., 2230 First st.; R. S., Wm. Fisher, 615 Third st.; F. S., Wm. M. Tolman, 1722 Clio st.

***No. 131, Traverse City, Mich.**—T. Irons, Hotel Whiting.

***No. 132, South Bend, Ind.**—Pres., J. E. Perry, 226 Sadie ave.; R. S., C. H. Sommers, Central Fire Sta.; F. S., Frank Hobbs, 133 S. Scott st.

†No. 133, Detroit, Mich.—Meets every Wednesday night, 200 Randolph st. Pres., W. W. Hancock, 647 Baker st.; R. S., C. A. Schmidt, 163 Reeder st.; F. S., H. D. Chapman, 521 Champlain st.

†No. 134, Chicago, Ill.—Meets every Tuesday, Room 61, 126 E. Washington st. Pres., Harry McKenzie, 324 Webster ave.; R. S., F. B. Davisson, 1728 Wabash ave.; F. S., Wm. Cleff, 319 Lincoln ave.

***No. 135, Trenton, N. J.**—Meets every Monday in A. P. A. Hall, cor. Broad and State sts. Pres., J. H. Brister, 50 Fountain ave.; R. S., F. L. Morris, 223 W. Broad st.; F. S., N. Mountford, 20 Poplar st.

***No. 136, Birmingham, Ala.**—Meets every Tuesday in Dunker's Hall, 20th st. and 2d alley. Pres., E. T. Sheets, So. Bell Tel. Co.; R. S., W. A. Steele, 621 22d st.; F. S., J. F. Phillips.

†No. 137, Albany, N. Y.—Every Sunday, 1 p. m., Labor Temple, Pearl and Beaver sts. Pres., Edward J. Landy, 80 Trinity pl.; R. S., H. Smith, 1327 2d ave., West Troy.

***No. 138, Ft. Wayne, Ind.**—Meets every Thursday, 62 Clinton st., 3d floor. Pres., H. E. Wimmel, 24 Spy Run ave.; R. S., E. J. Fisher, 29 E. Washington st.; F. S., M. B. Larimer, room 28, Bank blo k.

***No. 139, Elmira, N. Y.**—1st and 3d Mondays in Fed. Labor Hall, Carroll st. bet. Lake and Baldwin sts. Pres., James Horgan, 360 Divin pl.; R. S., A. Thomson, 204 High st.; F. S., T. J. Horgan, 417 Columbia st.

***No. 140, Schenectady, N. Y.**—2d and 4th Wednesday in Carpenter's Hall, State st. Pres., Wm. L. Rapp, 18 River st.; R. S., Geo. W. Colony, 16 S. Center st.; F. S., J. H. Reed, Vroman House.

***No. 141, Pittsburg, Kan.**—1st and 3d Thursdays in Schieferbines Hall, cor. 6th st. and Broadway. Pres., T. F. Cole; R. S., Paul Mattingly, Lock Box No. 20; F. S., Ed. Emery, 1202 N. Joplin ave.

***No. 142, Wheeling, W. Va.**—Every Friday night in Trabert & Vogt's Hall, Market st., bet. 17th and 18th. Pres., Isaiah Tuttle, 80 Main st.; R. S., C. W. Griffin, Gen. Del.; F. S., Ed. Johnson, 3207 Chapline st.

***No. 143, Ashtabula, O.**—Pres., Chas. Deyo, Conneaut, O.; R. S., Omer Andrews, Ashtabula, O.; F. S., W. E. Mann, 48 Fisk st.

***No. 144, Wichita, Kan.**—Meets every Tuesday night at 255 N. Main st. Pres., T. L. Roberts, 450 N. Hydraulic ave.; R. S., W. H. Shuber, 127 N. Market st.; F. S., C. W. Stimson, 1725 Gold st.

***No. 145, Saginaw, Mich.**—Every Wednesday in Engineers' Hall, Washington and Franklin aves., on Genesee ave., 3d floor. Pres., F. H. Friant, 405 Genesee ave.; R. S., John Strachan, 1619 Johnson st.; F. S., Joseph Irwin, Marshall House.

***No. 146, Bridgeport, Conn.**—Every Friday, in Sons of Veterans' Hall, 95 Main st. Pres., E. Mahoney, 330 State st.; R. S., F. R. Townsend, P. O. box 623; F. S., J. Beirne, 272 Benham ave.

***No. 147, Anderson, Ind.**—2d and 4th Fridays in Bricklayers' hall, Main st. Pres., J. A. Deerwester, care C. U. Tel. Co.; R. S., Bert Markle, 119 W. Monroe st., Alexandria, Ind.; F. S., J. E. Clone, 1106 W. 5th st.

†No. 148, Washington, D. C.—Every Monday in Arion Hall, 430 8th st., N. W. Pres., M. E. Brandenburg, 517 11th st., S. W.; R. S., G. F. McBride, 1005 9th st., N. W.; F. S., M. V. Murphy, 1005 6th st., N. E.

***No. 149, Aurora, Ill.**—Wednesdays following 1st and 15th of month, in Loser's Hall, N. River st. Pres., Vinley R. McDonald; R. S., John Glennon, 51 Blackhawk st.; F. S., E. Millhouse.

***No. 150, Bay City, Mich.**—2d and 4th Tuesday, in A. O. U. W. Hall, cor. Center and Adams sts. Pres., Chas. Crampton, 201 Adams st.; R. S., W. D. Parker, Essexville, Bay Co., Mich.; F. S., J. M. Ferguson, 614 Adams st.

†No. 151, San Francisco, Cal.—Every Monday, Hall 10, 102 O'Farrell, near Stockton st. Pres., Geo. Cooney, Ahlborn House, 329 Grant ave.; R. S., J. F. Leonard, 1227 Filbert st.; F. S., L. C. Edwards, 3 Telegraph ave., Oakland.

†No. 152, Ft. Scott, Kan.—1st and 3d Wednesday evenings in B. of L. F. Hall, 701 E. Main st. Pres., Jas. Runkle, 701 National ave.; R. S., C. E. Kitchen, 624 S. Clark st.; F. S., W. S. Craighead, 24 N. Judson.

***No. 153, Marion, Ind.**—Meets every Tuesday in Kiley Hall, W. 3d st. Pres., Ed. Meadows, 1512 S. Meridian st.; R. S., O. L. Skinner; F. S., O. Weesner, 318 East Grant st.

†No. 154, Cleveland, O.—1st and 3d Fridays in O'Donnell's Hall, 89-91 Prospect st. Pres., Martin Durkin, 328 Waverly ave.; R. S., Wm. Rielley, 11 Sibley st.; F. S., Chas. Ruttle, 25 Norwich st.

***No. 155, Oklahoma City, O. T.**—Tuesday evening in Herskowitz Bldg., corner Grand ave. and Broa'way. Pres., E. A. Morris, box 1247; R. S., E. B. Walters, 203 Main st.; F. S., O. A. Waller, 10 Bassett block.

***No. 156, Ft. Worth, Tex.**—1st and 3d Wednesdays in B. T. C. Hall, 406 Main st. Pres., J. R. Hancock, 1106 Jennings av.; R. S., Lee Stephens, 602 W. First st.; F. S., C. F. Crabtree City Hall.

***No. 157, Elkhart, Ind.**—First and third Thursday nights in Labor hall corner Main and Franklin sts. Pres., H. J. Metzger; R. S., H. A. Row, 506 Beardsley ave.; F. S., L. D. Whittig, 121 Cleveland ave.

***No. 158, Temple, Tex.**—Pres., W. W. Clay; R. S., Miss Estelle Sledge; F. S., Mrs. A. Chandler.

***No. 159, Madison, Wis.**—Meets 1st Thursday of month in Labor Hall, State st. Pres., Wm. Neff, 1116 E. Dayton st.; R. S., H. W. Schroeder; F. S., Hiram Nelson, 425 W. Wash. ave.

***No. 160, Zanesville, O.**—Every Wednesday night in Labor Hall, cor. 6th and Main sts. Pres., Wm. Graham, Kirk House; R. S., C. E. Berg, P. O. 281; F. S., Chas. L. Tyner, 362 N. 5th st.

***No. 161, Uniontown, Pa.**—Pres.; C. R. Surnett; F. S., O. P. Britt.

†No. 162, Omaha, Neb.—Every Tuesday night in Fuller Hall, 14th and Douglas sts. Pres., Ed. Martin, Klondike Hotel; R. S., H. Rustin, 323½ N. 15th st.; F. S., James J. Kerrigan, 1611 Burt st.

***No. 163, Wilkesbarre, Pa.**—Meets 1st and 3d Mondays in Koon's Hall, 88 E. Market. Pres., J. Y. Williams, 125 Gaylord ave., Plymouth, Pa.; R. S., H. S. Krum, 15 W. Hollenback av.; F. S., Henry Feldier, 12 E. Jackson st.

***No. 164, Sullivan, Ind.**—Pres. N. S. Worley; F. S., Dudley McCammon, Box 348.

***No. 165, Newport News, Va.**—Meets every other Tuesday evening in C. L. U. Hall, cor. 32d street and Washington ave. Pres., Geo. Cross, 245 46th street; R. S., H. A. Nycum, P. O. Box 374; F. S., R. A. Gentus, 725 29th st.

***No. 166, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.**—2d and 4th Thursdays in month at Trades Hall, corner Market and Main sts. Pres., L. Woodman, 582 Pacific ave.; R. S., C. H. Wilks, 700 McDermott ave.; F. S., W. Girard, 114 Hallett st.

***No. 167, Bowling Green, Ohio.**—1st and 3d Mondays in Oil Workers' Hall, Main st. South. Pres., Otis Mollencup; R. S., Frank Morse; F. S., J. H. Brown, 71 N. Prospect st.

***No. 168, Mobile, Ala.**—Every Tuesday in Cathedral Hall, Conti st., bet. Jackson and Clairborn. Pres., J. C. Cutts, per Bell Tel. Co.; R. S., C. E. Hook, general delivery; F. S., R. A. Savage, 758 Augusta st.

***No. 169, Fresno, Cal.**—2d and 4th Wednesdays each month at Edgerley's Hall cor. J and Tulare sts. Pres., J. E. Sutherland, Gen'l Del.; R. S., B. M. Collins, P. O. Box 902; F. S., R. W. Stanford, 655 K st.

***No. 170, Findlay, Ohio.**—Meets Thursday nights at Bartenders' Hall, 107½ S. Main st. Pres., Andy Tate, Home Tel. Co.; R. S., Chas. A. O'Donnell, Home Tel. Co.; F. S., Clark Reed, Home Tel. Co.

***No. 171, Ypsilanti, Mich.**—Meets 1st and 3d Thursdays in K. of P. Hall, 204 Congress st. Pres., Jesse B. Millard, 13 Water st.; R. S., F. W. Thomas; F. S., Frank C. Phelps, 114 Welch st., Ann Arbor.

***No. 172, Newark, Ohio.**—Every other Thursday in Painters' Hall south side Public sq. Pres., Guy Watkins, care N. T. Co.; R. S., John Moore, care N. T. Co.; F. S., V. H. Effinger, Box 252.

***No. 173, Ottumwa, Ia.**—Pres., S. D. Anderson; F. S., H. M. Murray, Tipton, Ia.; C. L. Davidson, cor. 11th and High sts.

***No. 174, Mansfield, O.**—Every Thursday night at Trades Council Hall, N. Main st. Pres., Joe Dooley, Brunswick Hotel; R. S., J. D. McLellen, 83 E. Fourth st.; F. S., R. D. McIntyre, 111 Ritter st.

***No. 175, Lowell, Mass.**—1st and 3d Tuesdays at 103 Central st. Pres., G. E. Thomas, 207 Appleton st.; R. S., J. Barrett, 22 Abbott st.; F. S., A. Anderson, 37 Elm st.

***No. 176, Joliet, Ill.**—Every Wednesday at 8 p. m. in Building Trades hall, 227 Jefferson st. Pres., Jos. Heinbach, Gen. Delst.; R. S., J. W. Gates, 210 Jefferson st.; F. S., I. J. Huston, 110 Van Buren st.

***No. 177, Leavenworth, Kan.**—2d and 4th Wednesdays in Labor Hall, 5th and Shawnee sts. Pres., A. S. Peipher; R. S., W. W. Marks; F. S., Roy C. Easton, 517 N. 2d st.

***No. 178, Canton, O.**—Every Wednesday night in Switzer's Hall, southeast cor. 8th and Cherrys sts. Pres., Jas. Shane, 218 S. Market st.; R. S., John Haley, Conrad Hotel; F. S., J. C. Taylor, 1210 Linden ave.

***No. 179, Charleston, S. C.**—Every Tuesday night in Aldine Club Hall, King and Hasel sts. Pres., Wm. E. Stearns, 55 America st.; R. S., F. B. Krepps, 154 Meeting st.; F. S., S. Webb, 46 Queen st.

***No. 180, Vallejo, Cal.**—2d and 4th Thursdays in Labor Bureau Hall, Sacramento st. bet. Georgia and Virginia sts. Pres., F. N. Killam, Howard House; R. S. and F. S., H. C. Stewart, 844 Virginia st.

***No. 181, Utica, N. Y.**—Third Tuesday in Labor Temple, Hotel st. Pres., Wm. Brigham, 79 Miller st.; R. S., H. Wameling, 247 Seymour ave.; F. S., O. Keeler, 47 Blandina st.

***No. 182, Montreal, Can.**—1st and 3d Mondays of month in York Chambers, 2444 A St. Catherine st. Pres., J. Dorais, 794 Dorchester st.; R. S., J. C. Green, 91 University st.; F. S., E. Hodgson, 40 Latour st.

***No. 183, Lexington, Ky.**—Every Wednesday in Jr. O. U. A. M. hall, 22 W. Main st. Pres., Chas. Royse, 452 N. Limestone st.; R. S., E. A. Ebersole, 193 E. Main st.; F. S., J. N. Mullen, N. Limestone st.

***No. 184, Galesburg, Ill.**—F. S., J. H. Shull, 266 Duffield ave.

***No. 185, Boston, Mass.**—Second and fourth Thursday at No. Boylston Place. Pres., A. Y. Laidlaw, 34 Crescent ave., Dorchester, Mass.; R. S., E. W. Chamberlin, 73 Worcester st.; F. S., J. W. Head, 71 Hudson st., Somerville, Mass.

***No. 186, Hartford, Conn.**—2d and 4th Fridays each month at 747 Main st. Pres., R. D. Hinscom, 214 Pearl st.; R. S., J. P. Lorrenhaupt, 70 Morris st.; F. S., J. P. Rohan, 214 Pearl st.

***No. 187, Oshkosh, Wis.**—Every Tuesday night in Stationary Engineers' Hall, cor. Main and Pearl sts. Pres., J. Wilson, 61 School st.; R. S., R. Waters, 137 Wangoo st.; F. S., P. S. Bixby, 118 Pearl st.

***No. 188, Dallas, Tex.**—Every Monday in Martino's Hall, 344 Main st. Pres., O. J. Depp, 192 Main st.; R. S., J. W. Wilkinson, 173 Elm st.; F. S., Thos. Hummel, 173 Elm st.

***No. 189, Montgomery, Ala.**—F. S., W. J. Helms, 101 Bibb st.

***No. 190, Newark, N. J.**

***No. 191, Everett, Wash.**—F. S., S. G. Heppler, 1610½ Hewitt av.

***No. 192, Memphis, Tenn.**—Every Tuesday in Central Labor Hall, 357 Second st. Pres., W. G. Nutzell, 58 Marshall ave.; R. S., John Motley, 194 Alabama ave.

***No. 193, Springfield, Ill.**—Second and fourth Wednesdays in Carpenters' Hall. F. S., S. Dillard, 141 N. Walnut st.

***No. 194, Shreveport, La.**—Pres., J. E. McGoldrick, Box 326; F. S., F. M. Lawrence, 317 Western ave.

***No. 195, Marietta, O.**—Every Thursday night in I. B. E. W. Hall, 195 Fort Square. Pres., M. L. Purkey; R. S., William H. Reed; F. S., Earl Davis, Fire Dept. No. 1.

***No. 196, Rockford, Ill.**—First and third Fridays at Central Labor Union hall, East State st. Pres., Thos. O'Brien, 713 Chestnut; R. S., George Rohr, 1125 West State; F. S., Harry J. Miller, 534 George st.

***No. 197, Bloomington, Ill.**—Every Friday in Electrical Workers' Hall, over 106 W. Front st. Pres., J. D. Stedman, 909 S. Lee st.; R. S., W. S. Briscoe, 701 S. Oak st.; F. S., J. J. Eversole, Box 274.

***No. 198, Dubuque, Ia.**—Pres., H. J. Powers, Hotel Paris; R. S., W. Haruey; F. S., Jas. Herker.

***No. 199, St. Louis, Mo.**—1st Sunday, 2 P. M., Lightstone's Hall, No. 2. Eleventh and Franklin ave. Pres., J. G. McCarthy, 5612 Penna. ave.; R. S., B. J. Holland, 220 S. 14th st.; F. S., T. F. Lappling, 3925 McRee ave.

***No. 200, Anaconda, Mont.**—F. S., R. D. May, Gen'l Del.

***No. 201, Appleton, Wis.**—Pres., F. J. Constantine; R. S., C. H. Mackey, 841 College av.; F. S., Geo. Clymer, Ripon, Wis.

***No. 202, Seattle, Wash.**—F. S., J. H. Brickley, 4015 1st ave. N. E.

***No. 203, Champaign, Ill.**—Pres., H. G. Eastman; F. S., R. A. Sexton, 203 Col. av.

***No. 204, Springfield, O.**—Every Thursday in Union Hall, East Main st. Pres., S. E. Ballard; R. S., H. S. Copeland; F. S., J. F. Ballard, 35 S. Center st.

***No. 205, Jackson, Mich.**—Thursday of each week in Retail Grocers' Assn. Hall, over Sauer & Heffner's grocery, Main st. Pres., Ed. Kellav, 112 N. Blackstone st.; R. S., Earnest Wideman, 338 S. Park ave.; F. S., Frank Layher, 702 Francis st.

***No. 206, Charleston, W. Va.**—Wednesday nights in I. O. U. M. Hall, cor. Virginia and Summers sts. Pres., E. Ayres; R. S., J. G. Mackenzie, 220 State st.; F. S., C. P. Shiveley, 106 Lovell st.

***No. 207, Painesville, O.**—F. S., F. S. Lamunyan, 317 E. Erie st.

***No. 208, Portsmouth, Ohio.**—Every Thursday night at Bond Hall, cor. 9th and Findlay sts. Pres., G. H. Gleason, Portsmouth Tel. Co.; R. S., Jesse N. Green; F. S., Anson Clapper.

***No. 209, Logansport, Ind.**—Every Wednesday night in Butchers' Union Hall, Market st., bet. 2nd and 3rd. Pres., N. Costenborder, 820 Race st.; F. S., A. W. Tam, 522 Linden ave.

***No. 210, Cairo, Ill.**—J. D. Phillips, 710 34th st.

***No. 211, Windsor, Ont.**—Pres., S. Jenkins, Gen'l Del.; F. S., B. McLeod, Gen'l Del.

***No. 212, Cincinnati, O.**—Every Monday at Stationary Firemen's Hall, 1112 Vine st. Pres., J. A. Cullen, 952 W. 6th st.; R. S., Harry Falquet, 1125 Jackson st.; F. S., C. E. Rixford, 1027 McMillan st.

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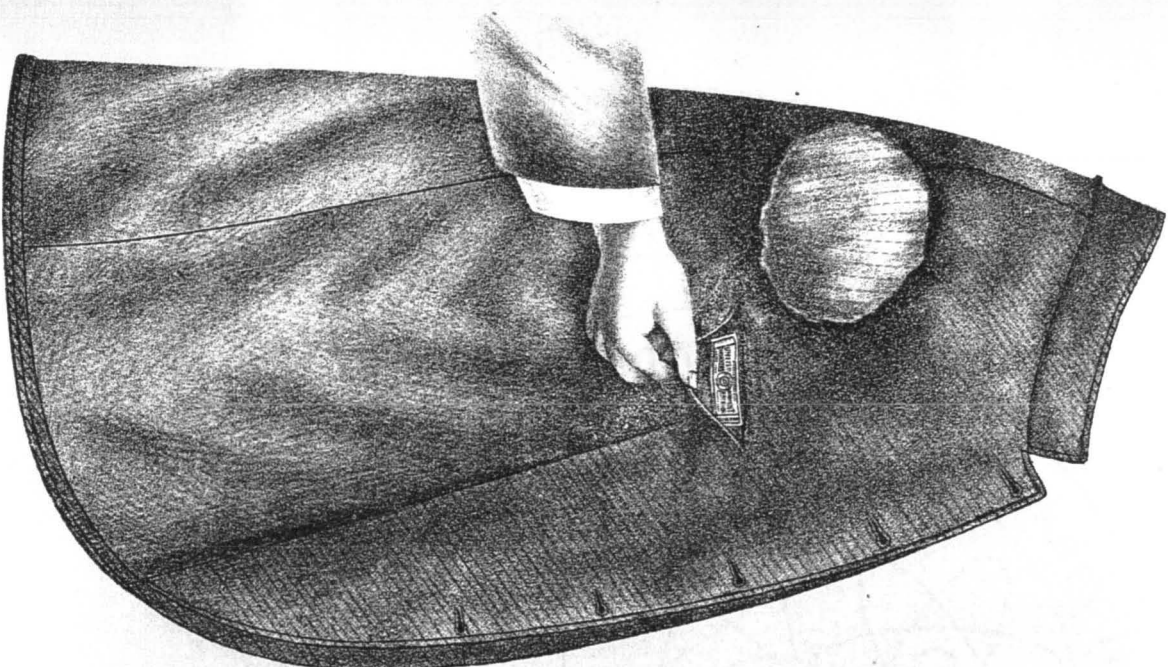
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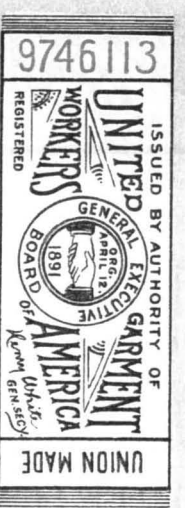
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